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Local woman's son gives life in U.S. 'war on terror'



West Sacramento City Council will honor the late William Carlson, Master Sergeant, Retired (shown above right, receiving military decoration). A C.I.A. statement says Carlson lost his life in an Afghanistan ambush while tracking terrorists.

America's "war on terror" often seems far off, with battles and casualties happening in countries many Americans can't find on a map.

But at least one West Sacramento family has paid a personal price in that war.

On Oct 24, 43-year old William Carlson, a retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant working for the C.I.A. on a mission "tracking terrorists" in eastern Afghanistan, was one of two Americans killed in an ambush by suspected Taliban gunfighters.

Carlson was the son of West Sacramento's Roberta Kitchell and stepson to her husband Ralph Kitchell. The Kitchells operate the KOA Campground on Lake Road in West Sacramento.

Carlson himself was a North Carolina resident also active in affairs of his Blackfeet Nation tribe in Montana. He was killed along with 32-year old Christopher Glenn Mueller of San Diego.

Both were former Special Forces members.

Carlson was a former Army Ranger and his many military decorations included the bronze star with two oak leaf clusters, purple heart and defense meritorious service medal. He had been trained in subjects such as demolition, SCUBA, airborne skills and other skills.

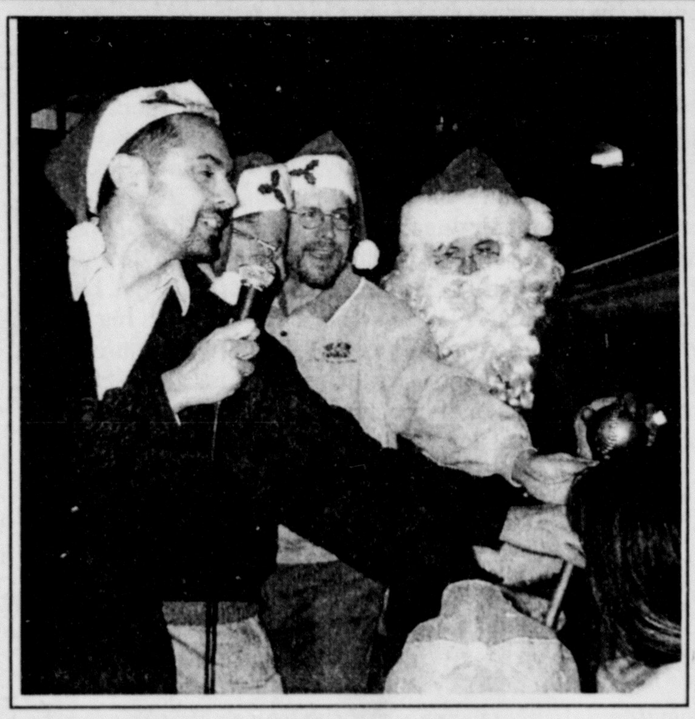
Besides the Kitchells, Carlson is survived by his wife, Cheri; by sons Shawn and Shayne; by brother David Carlson; and by sisters Rebecca Carlson and Sheri Harnan.

Monetary contributions to the family may be sent to the William "Chief" Carolson Memorial Fund, Centura Bank, 1715 U.S. Hwy 1 South, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

West Sacramento's city council plans to issue a proclamation in Carlson's honor later this month.

Kym Arias and Rusty C. Mendez contributed to this report.

Celebrating the season: throwing the switch on city's holiday tree



One Chamber of Commerce representative estimated that more than 500 people attended the city's annual tree-lighting ceremony on Friday in front of city hall. The event, sponsored by the Port of Sacramento in association with the chamber and the City of West Sacramento, took place at 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Pictured above throwing the light switch for the tree are Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, Port Commission Chairman Michael McGowan (partly obscured), Chamber President Paul Kolarik and St. Nicholas.

Courtesy of Dan Harris, City of West Sacramento

$52 million school bond goes on local ballot

Washington Unified School District has placed a $52 million school bond measure on West Sacramento's March 2 ballot. The measure will require approval from 55 percent of the city's voters to pass.

The measure would authorize the district to "acquire land, construct and equip a new comprehensive high school by issuing $52,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, with guaranteed annual audits, citizen oversight and no money for administrators' salaries?"

The bond money would be expected to join state funds

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West Sac charity asks for help

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

An organization set up to help others could use your help right about now.

Sharon Wagner, a program coordinator at the Broderick Christian Center on Sixth Street in West Sacramento (in the city's northeast) told the News-Ledger that a funding crisis has left a number of charitable programs in peril.

"The one most in jeopardy is the day shelter," said Wagner. "It provides hot meals once a day for the homeless and chronically poor. Our food closet serves probably more than 400 families per month, and we have laundry services, showers, mail reception, a job board and a telephone they can use. We have clothes distribution. We have referrals to agencies that help."



Thanksgiving Day feast, courtesy of Broderick Christian Center

The day shelter "takes probably about $40,000 per year to run, and all that covers is our operating costs of sewer, water, garbage, PG&E, insurance and payroll for our two half-time staff members. Right now I have enough money probably to go through the end of January."

Wagner said that the center has lost some of its grant

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West Sac Civic Center wins Northern California award

Art Schroeder
City of West Sacramento

The McGraw-Hill Companies' California Construction publication has named the West Sacramento Civic Center as one of the best California construction projects in 2003. The awards for northern California projects were presented Dec. 3 in San Francisco.

"The best of 2003 awards honor the building teams that created the best projects of 2003," said Paul Napolitano, editor of California Construction. "These extraordinary projects are selected by a jury of local prominent industry professionals."

The 64,000-square foot civic center was dedicated January 25. It contains a 5,000-square foot Galleria, a city council chambers and city administrative offices. Among the other 14 top projects honored in California were the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts in Davis and the restoration of the state capitol's south portico.

The civic center building team included the architectural firm of DLR Group Vitiello, Brown Construction, Turner Construction and the City of West Sacramento.

McGowan, Cahill: In line for 'Supe'

Yolo County Supervisor Michael McGowan will face a challenge in the March 2 primary. Seeking McGowan's seat in the county's first district will be another former West Sacramento city councilmember, James Cahill.

Cahill lists himself as a venture capital consultant in the nomination papers filed with the county elections office. McGowan, listed as an incumbent, is an attorney by training.

Both are West Sacramento residents.

New city development fee?

Council looks at child care need

A proposal to levy development fees to pay for more child care opportunities in West Sacramento is continuing through the West Sacramento City Council's legislative process. Mayor Christopher Cabaldon said a previous child care plan, which levied no fees but offered incentives to developers who aided child care opportunities, had been in place for many years while producing "zero new child care slots."

New construction will now be asked to help pay for new child care needs, he said.

"On the one hand, we want to protect the affordability of new housing in our community," Cabaldon commented. "On the other hand, we want to make sure new development pays its own way. We want to make sure existing residents, including those who just moved in last week, don't have to pay for the impacts of new development. And we already have a shortage of quality child care in our community. Every time a family moves in, that creates new pressure on an already-oversubscribed system."

Kay Fenrich, director of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, said her organization has asked the city for a four-to-six month delay on the matter for more study.

"We completely agree that child care is a very important issue," said Fenrich, "But we feel we're jumping into this prematurely."

School newspaper

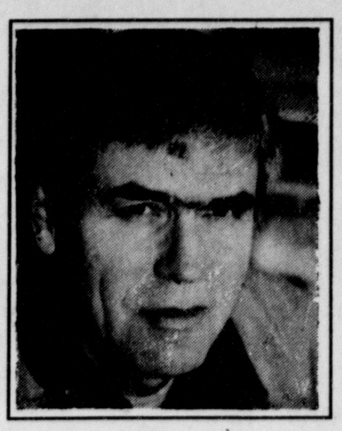
This week's edition of the News-Ledger includes a separate, four-page pullout issue of the River City High School "Review."

The "Review" is River City's school newspaper, and is written and edited wholly by the students and teacher in the school's journalism class. It appears here about once a month during the school year.

This student newspaper is printed by the News-Ledger as a service to the school and community.

At the shallow end of the human gene pool

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

At this time of year, a friend of mine always sends me some of the latest Darwin Award winners, which I of course enjoy passing along to you. In case you're not familiar with the Darwin Awards, they are granted -- often posthumously -- to the individuals who, through single-minded self-sacrifice, have done their small part to remove undesirable elements from the human gene pool. Enjoy!

* Attorney Antonio Mendoza was released from a trauma center after having a cell phone removed from his rectum. "My dog drags the thing all over the house," explained Mendoza, "and he must have dragged it into the bathroom. I accidentally slipped on the tile, tripped over the dog, and sat right down on the thing."

The extraction took more than three hours due to the fact that the cover to Mendoza's phone had opened during the insertion. Dr. Dennis Crobe also noted on Mendoza's medical chart that the phone rang three times during the extraction process.

* In Elyria, Ohio, Martyn Eskins, attempting to clean out cobwebs in his basement, declined to use a broom in favor of a propane torch and burned down his house.

* In Spain, poacher Marino Malerba shot a large stag standing above him on an overhanging rock, and was killed instantly when the lifeless animal fell down on top of him.

* Tony Roberts, 25, of Grants Pass, Oregon lost his right eye during initiation into a men's rafting club when a close friend who was trying to shoot a beer can off the top of Tony's head missed the target a little low and to the left.

* A man in Alabama died from rattlesnake bites after he and a friend had completed a game of playing catch -- using a rattlesnake as the ball.

* James Wise of Valparaiso was showing how one twirls a gun western-style at a friend's house in Fort Walton Beach when it suddenly went off and shot him in the head.

* A Jacksonville, Florida woman had to summon emergency help after dragging her husband down the street behind their pickup truck. Luckily, Roman Styles was treated and released with only a concussion and scrapes and bruises. It seems that Styles decided to repair damaged shingles on his house himself, instead of paying a contractor to do the job. Prior to climbing up on his steep roof, he tied a safety rope to the trailer hitch on his truck. Once on the peak of the roof, he secured the other end of the line around his waist. He then slid over the top of the roof to repair the shingles. But as luck would have it, right after he started to work, his son called for a ride home after a Boy Scout trip. Styles wife, Jane, grabbed the keys to the pickup truck, yelled to her husband that she would be right back, climbed behind the wheel and sped away. "I didn't see the rope and my husband hanging on to it until I was half-way down the street," said Mrs. Styles.

"I'll never forget the look on Roman's face as he came sailing over the peak of his house," said next door neighbor Bill Schlimm.

* Terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with "return to sender" stamped on it. Forgetting it was a bomb, he opened it and was killed in the resulting explosion."

* A passionate angler at an eastern Slovenian lake caught a big fish (a sheatfish, which is a type of catfish) and was so determined to land it that after he hooked it, he refused to let go of the line even when he found himself being pulled under the water. His friend, who later identified the angler's body, said his last words were, "Now I've got him!"

* And finally, this little gem from Thailand:

"The government must crack down on this disgusting craze of `pumping'," said a spokesman for Nakhon Ratchasima Hospital. "If this perversion catches on, it will destroy the cream of Thailand's manhood."

He was speaking after the remains of Charnchai Puanmuangpak had been rushed to the hospital's emergency room. "Most `pumpers' use a standard bicycle pump," explained the spokesman, "inserting the nozzle far up their rectum, giving themselves a rush of air, and creating a momentary high."

It appears that Charnchai took things a little further still. He started using a two-cylinder foot pump, but even that wasn't exciting enough for him, so he boasted to friends that he was going to try the compressed air hose at a nearby gasoline station. They dared him to do it, so under the cover of darkness, he snuck in. Not realizing how powerful the machine was, he inserted the hose, placed a coin in the slot, and as a result, died virtually instantly, leaving passers-by in shock.

One woman thought she was watching a twilight fireworks display, and started clapping. "We still haven't located all of him," said police authorities. "When the quantity of air interacted with the gas in his system, he nearly exploded. It was like an atom bomb went off or something."

"Pumping is the devil's pastime, and we must say no to Satan," added the hospital spokesman. "Inflate your tires by all means, but then hide your bicycle pump where it cannot tempt you."

And a few bumper stickers you may not have seen yet:

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

All men are animals, some just make better pets.

Money isn't everything, but it does keep the kids in touch.

If at first you don't succeed, blame someone else and seek counseling.

If you can read this, I've lost my trailer.

I have the body of a god -- Buddha.

If we quit voting, will they all go away?

Saw it, wanted it, had a fit, got it.

Note: Anyone interested in books for stocking-stuffers this holiday season can view or purchase the two books I've written by going online and visiting the Iuniverse.com. bookstore, or just give me a call here at the newspaper or email me at darylfshr@aol.com.

The High Ground is a novel about my experiences in the Vietnam War, and *My Back Pages* is a collection of my 100 favorite *News-Ledger* columns.

New books on the shelf

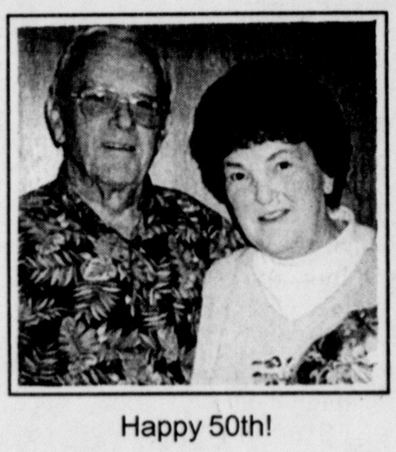
The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"Meena, Heroine of Afghanistan: The Martyr Who Founded RAWA, the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan" by Melody Ermachild Chavis.

"The Faith of George W. Bush" by Stephen Mansfield.

"Accidental Cowboy: A Memoir" by Jameson Parker.

"Gary Null's Power Aging: The Revolutionary Program to Control the Symptoms of Aging Naturally" by Gary Null.



Happy 50th!

After an Alaska cruise and tour in celebration of their upcoming wedding anniversary, longtime West Sacramento residents George and Clara Sharp were treated to a 50th anniversary party in the home of their daughter.

The party was a partial surprise and was presented by the Sharp's four daughters, Sharyl, Susan, Sindy and Sheila. All of their families, which includes eight grandchildren, plus 30-40 guests enjoyed the celebration.

The Sharps have lived in West Sacramento for 48 years.

Obituary

Paul L. Rued

Paul Rued, former West Sacramento area school teacher and administrator, died November 21, 2003 on the family farm near Sebastopol.

Mr. Rued began his 34-year career in public education in the Washington Unified School District in 1947. He became principal of Westacres School and Superintendent of the West Sacramento District. Early on, he drove the bus in addition to teaching. His love of school vehicles led him to transfer to the San Juan Unified District where he was Director of Transportation. While in West Sacramento he was active in Veterans of Foreign Wars and Rotary.

Born December 25, 1924 in Santa Rosa to Paul and Eleanor Rued, he attended Santa Rosa schools before serving in the US Marine Corps in World War II. He saw duty in the South Pacific and Japan. He graduated from the University of the Pacific and held a Master's Degree from Sacramento State.

In 1980 he returned to Sonoma County to farm the ranch his great grandfather had bought in the 1880's. He produced Chardonnay grapes of the clone that came to bear the family name.

He is survived by wife Kathleen, daughter Catherine Younger of Folsom, and grandchildren Christopher, Kira and Scott Younger. Also step-children Les (Glenda) Carter, Dan (Mary) Carter and Robin (Richard) Carter-Wheeler. Step-grandchildren are Lee, Lay, Jared, Adam, Jennifer Carter and Dana Carter-Serrano (Devon).

He was predeceased by brother Phillip Rued of West Sacramento. Surviving are sister-in-law Jerry Rued of West Sacramento and sister Elyse Mengle of Sebastopol.

Memorial services for Mr. Rued will be held on December 13, 2003 at 1 p.m. at the Sebastopol Christian Church, 7433 Bodega Avenue in Sebastopol.

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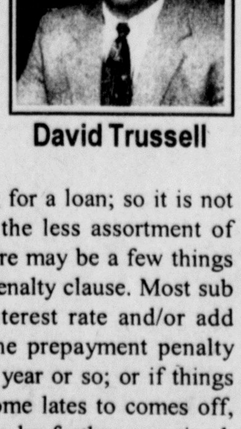
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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

NFL Action

The San Francisco 49ers (6-7) kept their slim playoff hopes alive for at least another week with 50-14 thrashing of the helpless 3 and 10 Cardinals.

Jeff Garcia followed his dismal performance from last week with his best game of the year. Garcia passed for 252 yards and scored six touchdowns against Arizona.

Garcia threw 4 touchdowns and rushed for two more as the Niners took out their frustrations on the Cardinals. Kevan Barlow and his impressive offensive linemen combined for 154 yards rushing while the defense harassed the Cardinals into continuous mistakes. Barlow, who is filling in for the injured Hearst, will start again in Cincinnati.

Next Sunday (10 a.m.-FOX), the 49ers travel to Cincinnati (7-6) in a must-win situation to try and win their first road game of the year. One more loss and the season is over! The Niners trail the Cowboys, Seahawks and Packers in the playoff hunt and are tied with the same record with the Bucs and Saints.

Should we even talk about the Oakland Raiders? The Silver and Black (3-10) seem to be working hard for the NFL's top draft pick. The good news is the so-called dumbest team in the league only had 5 penalties for 50 yards.

Quarterback Rick Mirer, who sprained his ankle Sunday, will be ready to play Sunday against Ray Lewis and hard-hitting Ravens defense. Maybe he should call in sick and let Rob Johnson or T.C. Martin run for their lives at quarterback. Don't forget the Raiders and Chargers will meet on Dec. 28th in San Diego to play for last place and the precious rights to the number 1 draft pick.

This week the Raiders will be at home against the North Division leading Baltimore Ravens (8-5). Yes, the game will be another Black out for Sacramento area football fans!

Last week I went 2-2 in my NFL picks and week 15 doesn't look any easier, but the show must go on! This week I like the Bucs (-10) at home against the Texans and the Titans (-6) will bounce back against the Bills while Denver beats up the Browns. On Monday night the Dolphins (-2) must beat the Eagles to stay alive in the playoff picture.

NCAA Football

What's up with the BCS system that is suppose to select the best college football team in the nation? The system puts No.1 USC in the Rose Bowl against Michigan and No. 2 LSU will play No. 3 Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl for the national title. It's time for a playoff system to crown the National Champion. NCAA Basketball and Baseball have a playoff system so it's time for football to do the same!

Kings Korner

The Kings' (13-5) home winning streak came to halt as the visiting Timberwolves beat the Kings 112-109 in overtime. It was great game to watch and a national TV audience on ESPN were treated to some action-packed basketball, but in the end Kevin Garrett hit two three pointers in the closing seconds to send the game into overtime. Brad Miller had a career night, scoring 35 points but the fans only remember the two free throws he missed at the end of regulation time. The Kings bounced back on Sunday night to beat Indiana 91-88 and to improve to 13-5 overall and are now 11-1 at home as the current home stand comes to and end on Tuesday against the Los Angeles Clippers. The Kings will visit Utah on Friday (6 p.m.) and then return to the Arco for a showdown with the Phoenix Suns.

See ya next week!

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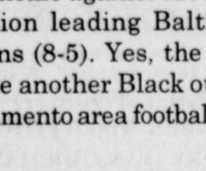
Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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One of the greatest pains to human nature is the pain of a new idea.
—Walter Bagehot

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1. Name the last Red Sox pair before Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe in 2002 to each win 20-plus games in the same season.
2. Who was the last Detroit Tigers pitcher before Mike Maroth in 2003 to lose his first nine decisions of the season?
3. When was the last time before 2002 that the University of Georgia football team won the Southeastern Conference championship?
4. Who is the all-time leader in three-point field-goal percentage for a single season in the NBA?
5. Name the NHL teams for which Herb Brooks was a head coach.
6. Entering the 2004 Summer Olympics, who is the defending gold medalist in men's soccer?
7. How many times in the Breeders' Cup has a race ended in a dead heat?

Answers on back page

Raiders win basketball tournament

By Troy Turner

The past week has been very good for the River City Raiders. They played four games and were victorious in each of them. The first win came against the Lincoln Zebras on December 2. The game was close at the end of the second quarter, 35-34, but the Raiders used pressure defense and great shooting to get the victory, 73-51. During the game all eyes were on Aaron Garner as he set a school record by making nine three-point shots. He was so hot Coach Jon West took him out of the game with four minutes left so he could cool off. He ended the game with 28 points, and Andrew Arreola added 12 of his own in the victory.

The very next day River City traveled to Jackson to take part in the 30th Annual Argonaut Tournament. During the past three years, the Raiders have finished no better than 4th place, but this year the results were different. In the first game, River City beat Freedom Christian by 21 points, 56-35. The next team they faced were the Argonaut Mustangs, and with the score tied at 42-42 in the fourth quarter, River City made several crucial baskets and pulled away for a 69-57 victory.

In the championship game, River City faced the Red Bluff Spartans. The Raiders scored the first 12 points and led 20-7 as the first quarter ended. They increased the lead to 21 points by halftime and were never threatened after that, cruising to victory 65-46. Aaron Garner was named the tournament MVP and Andrew Arreola was named to the all-tourney team.

Coach West has got the Raiders playing unselfish basketball (their new warm-up shirts have "It's all about we" on them) and I encourage you to come out and support the team. The next home game will be on Dec. 15 against the Delta Saints.



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Honor roll

West Sacramento's Holy Cross School recently announced their Honor Roll for the first trimester of the 2003/2004 school year:

Principal's List: Hammad Khan (8th grade); Yatoba Godina, Moid Khan, Tasvir Singh (6th grade).

High Honors: Courtney Chairez, Anthony Garfio, Ariel Gregersen, Zenaida Reyes, Anthony Tipton (8th grade); Ariadna Castillo, Anthony Miranda (7th grade); Christina Collins, Hannah Hankins, Brooke Haugen (6th grade); Joaquin Castillo, Mike Estrade, Richard Ramos (5th grade); Niel Valmores (3rd grade).

Honors: Keegan Burdette, Justin Demianew, Ananita Gonzalez, Trevor Haugen (8th grade); Jordan Conlon, Tayler Kutsch, Cecily Ortiz (7th grade); Pauline Meehan, Carlos Perez, Jeneille Perry, Taylor Valmores (5th grade); Alexa Rinetti, Christa Cisneros (4th grade); Bianca Celiz, Joshua Arguijo (3rd grade).

Merit: Michelle Savage-Klith (8th grade); Mariah Soto, Brittany Tipton (6th grade); Aaron Janke, Kedar Sotomey, Sarah Tejeda, Erica Fierro (5th grade); Andres Lara, Ariel Flores, Emmanuel Martinez, John Collins, Kelsey Burdette, Levi Lebhart (4th grade); Daniel Benavidez, Sabino Flores, Karly Kutsch, Tristan Eckel, Alana Hankins, Peter Chavez (3rd grade).

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Pefect Attendance: Keegan Burdette, Justin Demianew, Anthony Garfio, Ariel Gregersen, Hammad Khan, Vanessa Lara, Mike Meehan, Esteban Sarville, Anthony Tipton, Ananita Gonzalez (8th grade); Ariadna Castillo, Mina Mohaddess, Katelyn Cantwell, Steven Castaneda, JoAna Gonzalez (7th grade); Joel Demianew, Yatoba Godina, Brooke Haugen, Jeremy Janke, Moid Khan, Tasvir Singh, Mariah Soto, Miguel Valencia (6th grade); Kaitlyn Garfio, Jeneille Perry, Kedar Sotomey, Sarah Tejeda (5th grade); Andres Lara, John Collins, Julian Lara, Pedro Gonzalez (4th grade); Peter Chavez, Francisca Zabala, Paolo Gonzalez (3rd grade); Joseph Davila, Simran Benipal (2nd grade); Rolando Martinez, Francis Ulep (1st grade); Ophelia Gonzalez, Stephanie Jimenez, Ignacio Leon (kindergarten).

'Across the Bridge':

Events around the region

Storytellers performance
The Sacramento Storytellers Guild will hold "Winter Tales", a storytelling performance, on December 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Center, 27th and J Streets in Sacramento. Donations are accepted. For more information, call 863-1121.

Wildlife refuge open
The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, located off Elk Grove Boulevard, will be open December 13th and 27th for self-guided hikes to the wildlife viewing platform, where you'll see birds of prey hunting in the seasonal wetlands. Bring binoculars and sturdy shoes. For more information, call 775-4420.

White Christmas in Old Town Sacramento
Old Sacramento has made an exclusive arrangement with Mother Nature for a snow filled historic district from December 9-23. Snow will fall nightly on select streets from 5-9 p.m. Come see the wonders of winter and capture the magic of the season.

Toys for Tots
Toys for Tots will be at the Sacramento Zoo from November 28th to December 21st. Bring one new, unwrapped toy and receive free admission to the zoo for one child. The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holidays at Governor's
This year celebrate the holidays by visiting the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park. On the weekends of December 6-7 and 13-14, enjoy live holiday music, take a photo with Santa, and docents will also be on hand to answer your questions. The park is located at the corner of 16th and H Street in downtown Sacramento. For admission prices and more information, call 323-3047.

Folsom history exhibit
The Folsom History Museum newest exhibit, "Main Street USA; Shopkeepers from the Past", will be on display through February 22, 2003. The museum is located at 823 Sutter Street and is open Wed-Sun from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $2.

Alzheimer's society meets
The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in November at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet
The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

Remembering a Day of Infamy



On Sunday, World War II veteran Jack Hawkins, a member of West Sacramento Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8762, placed a bouquet of flowers at the Veterans Plaza in the River Walk in honor of all those who died at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

The Japanese attack on the Pearl Harbor base in Hawaii drew the United States into World War II.

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—Patrick Young

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Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St., 371-8804 10am Worship/Sun. School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** H. Eugene Miller, Pastor, 334-9315 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am 372-6570
First Baptist Church Gary Clements, Pastor 1511 Delaware Ave., 371-4061 Morning Wrshp/Sun Schl 9:45am Adult choir 4:45pm Child. Choir 5pm/Prayer Grp 6pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Grp 6:30pm Tues. Nite Bible Study 7pm Wed. Nite Akawana (K-6) 6:30 Thurs. Nite Quilting 7pm	**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. near Todhunter, 371-1211 Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5pm (English) Sun. 9. (English) Noon & 7pm (Spanish) Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish) Fri. 8:30am
First Southern Baptist Church Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** James Allerton, Pastor 2568 Industrial Blvd. 10:30 a.m. Children's Programs Wkly Small Grp Bible Study Great Music www.southportcommunity.com 372-7818	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	Call 371-8030 to find out how your church can reach local people through this advertising space.	**Center for Spiritual Awareness** 1020 W. Capitol Ave. 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Junior Church, 11 am Multicultural Gospel Choir Wed. 7 pm Peace Prayers *"The last place you should catch hell is in your church"*

TOP TEN

Top Video Rentals

1. **Finding Nemo** .....(G)
animated (Walt Disney Home)
2. **Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde** .....(PG-13)
Reese Witherspoon (MGM Home)
3. **The Hulk** .....(PG-13)
Eric Bana (Universal Studios Home)
4. **The Italian Job** .....(PG-13)
Edward Norton (Paramount Home)
5. **The Matrix Reloaded** .....(R)
Keanu Reeves (Warner Home)
6. **28 Days Later** .....(R)
Cillian Murphy (Fox Video)
7. **Charlie's Angels — Full Throttle** .....(PG-13)
Cameron Diaz (Columbia TriStar)
8. **Daddy Day Care** .....(PG)
Eddie Murphy (Columbia TriStar)
9. **Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights** .....(PG-13)
animated (Columbia TriStar)
10. **Wrong Turn** .....(R)
Eliza Dushku (20th Century Fox)

Top 10 DVD Sales

1. **Finding Nemo** .....(G)
(Walt Disney)
2. **Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde** .....(PG-13)
(MGM)
3. **The Hulk — Widescreen/ Special Edition** .....(PG-13)
(Universal Studios)
4. **28 Days Later — Wide** .....(R)
(Fox)
5. **Charlie's Angels — Full Throttle** .....(PG-13)
(Columbia TriStar)
6. **The Italian Job** .....(PG-13)
(Paramount)
7. **The Matrix Reloaded** .....(R)
(Warner)
8. **Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights** .....(PG-13)
(Columbia TriStar)
9. **Wrong Turn** .....(R)
(20th Century Fox)
10. **Anger Management** ....(PG-13)
(Columbia TriStar)

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and fees from new development in paying for the new campus.

Administrators project that homeowners will be paying back the bonds at at an annual tax rate of no more than $60 per each $100,000 of assessed property value (not market value). The bonds, and interest, would be repaid over 25 years.

The bond measure will be dubbed "Measure Q" on the March local ballot.

Two bond measures aimed at building a new high school in the 1990s each failed to win public support – although the margin of approval required at that time was higher, with about 67 percent of the vote needed.

A third, more recent school bond measure was more limited – targeting improvements at existing local schools – and was approved by West Sacramento voters.

'Suspicious' fire damages rail cargo

Construction materials on two railroad cars were damaged yesterday morning in a "suspicious" fire on tracks near Jefferson Blvd.

"It happened around 4:30 a.m. on the Union Pacific tracks along Soule Street north of 15th Street, close to Jackson," said Division Chief Greg Soto of the West Sacramento Fire Department. "There were several reports of a couple of railroad cars on fire. We got to the scene and found there was lumber on both cars. The center of one car was pretty substantially burned, and the other was not burned as much. One car was carrying two-by-fours and the other had form board, like OSB boards used in construction."

Soto said water and foam were placed on the flames and the fire was knocked down by firefighters, leaving what he "guessed" was around $10-20,000 in damage.

"Investigation was conducted at the scene, and it appeared to be of a suspicious nature," said Soto. "Union Pacific police were going to investigate further."

The trains had been stationery – stored overnight on the tracks prior to delivery to another city railway destination, said Soto.

High compliance with 'smoke-free' law

The American Lung Association last month presented West Sacramento with a "Platinum Lung" award for what it said was a high level of compliance in the "smoke-free" requirement at local bars and other workplaces. The organization gives the award when it determines by study that there is a compliance level of at least 95 percent. West Sacramento establishments had a 97.5 percent compliance rate, according to the Yolo County Health Department.

The department's tobacco education program worked with the county district attorney's office over the past three years to help coordinate the smoke-free law and protect employees from second-hand smoke.

The award was presented to the West Sacramento City Council, District Attorney's Office Investigator Virginia Meguire and Health Department representative Matt Cervantes at a city council meeting Nov. 19.

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funding. She sent out a plea for help in the form of a November 5 letter to community members.

"We were supposed to have to close our doors in September," she added. "On the 24th of September – the last Wednesday of the month – I was giving away all of the food from our food closet in expectation of closing our doors."

Then a Sacramento Bee newspaper article drew attention to the center's plight.

Local churches and charities responded by coming up with some chunks of financial help – a donation of $600, another of $1,000, and others for $2,000 and $3,0000. It was enough to change the Broderick Christian Center's plans to close the doors on the day shelter programs.

"We have received a small donation from the Rumsey Indian community fund as well, and we will probably be able to stay open through the end of the year and possibly into January," said Wagner.

What does she really need to ensure the Broderick Christian Center stays fully operational?

"If I could get $30,000, I wouldn't say it would be comfortable, but it would get us through," said Wagner.

The center, which operates under the umbrella of United Christian Centers, has a number of programs ranging from food for the hungry to "transition" programs designed to break the cycle of poverty.

"We just served our Thanksgiving dinner," she reports, "and more than 200 people showed up. We also have a transitional housing program. It serves 10 families, who live in our units for approximately six months and address the issues that created their family's homelessness. It could be drug and alcohol issues, poor budgeting or other issues. We have parenting classes, drug education, domestic violence education, anger management, and art for self-esteem."

Anyone who would like more information, or who can help with the Broderick Christian Center's difficulties, may call Sharon Wagner at 372-0200 ext. 114.

Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Dec. 19, 1732,** Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia first published "Poor Richard's Almanack." The book, filled with proverbs preaching industry and prudence, became one of the most popular publications in Colonial America.

• On **Dec. 20, 1820,** Missouri put a price on bachelorhood, instituting legislation that forced single men between the ages of 21 and 50 to hand over an annual tax of one dollar.

• On **Dec. 18, 1878,** John Kehoe, the last of the Molly Maguires, is executed in Pennsylvania. The Molly Maguires, an Irish secret society that had allegedly been responsible for some incidences of vigilante justice in the coalfields of eastern Pennsylvania, defended their actions as attempts to protect exploited Irish-American workers.

• On **Dec. 16, 1951,** the detective series "Dragnet" appears on television for the first time, as a sneak preview on the anthology show "Chesterfield Sound-Off Time."

• On **Dec. 15, 1961,** in Tel Aviv, Israel, Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi SS officer who organized Adolf Hitler's "final solution of the Jewish question," is condemned to death by an Israeli war crimes tribunal.

• On **Dec. 17, 1977,** Elvis Costello makes a rare television appearance on "Saturday Night Live." He filled in as musical guest for the show when scheduled guests the Sex Pistols failed to show up.

• On **Dec. 21, 1988,** Pan Am Flight 103 from London to New York explodes in midair over Lockerbie, Scotland, an hour after departure

Bonilla heads local

West Sacramento native John Bonilla now leads the largest construction trades union local in the U.S. and Canada.

Bonilla was chosen last month to fill the "business manager" slot of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3. He had previously served as the local's president, but the position of business manager is regarded as the local's true top management position, said public relations director Cindy Tuttle.

Bonilla has been a member of the local for 31 years, serving as its president since 2000. He replaces Don Doser as business manager. Doser stepped down for health-related reasons.

The union represents 42,000 workers.

Books

How to Hunt Ghosts: A Practical Guide
by Joshua P. Warren
(Fireside, $12)
Reviewed by David Smith

According to author Joshua Warren, the cold, dry months of fall and winter are the best times of the year to hunt ghosts. So, if you aren't into celebrating the traditional winter festivities, you can always hunt the undead.

And if you're hunting the undead, you're going to need some instruction. That's where "How to Hunt Ghosts: A Practical Guide" comes in. Make no mistake: This isn't some stupid little book written by a crank. No sir. This guy knows his stuff. Under his list of 22 things you'll need to pack in your ghostbusting kit, along with such items as a video camera and thermometer, he reminds us to bring a beverage and a snack. Spoken like a pro.

So, how will you know if a house is haunted? According to the cheat sheet that came with the book, we should perform an "historical analysis," which means, "Did anyone die here?" Number Three on the sheet is, "If a ghost is seen, snap a digital photo." In short, go to a house where somebody died. If you see a ghost, then yes, the house is haunted. You can't get more practical than that.

Now that you've found your ghost, how do you get rid of it? Well, you're supposed to help it. "If the spirit wants to identify a murderer, offer a goodbye, unveil a hidden treasure ... you might find a way to assist," Warren says.

If helping the ghost doesn't work, there are two very effective ways to rid yourself of ectoplasmic interloper: Put salt on the ground where the ghost appears and/or run a humidifier for a couple of days. That's right. A humidifier.

So what are you waiting for? The Ghost of Christmas Past is probably ransacking your cellar. Grab your camera, Ouija board and humidifier and get cracking!

CELEBRITY extra

by Evelyn Green

Q. I would like to know if the same actress who co-starred with James Woods in the TV movie, "Rudy: The Rudy Guiliani Story" also appears in the FOX show, "A Minute With Stan Hooper." My wife says yes. Her sister says no. I said, let's ask you. — *Robert H.*

A. Good decision. And by the way, your wife wins this one. The actress in question is Penelope Ann Miller, who made her Broadway debut opposite Matthew Broderick ("The Producers") in Neil Simon's "Biloxi Blues," and subsequently co-starred with him in the film version of the play. Miller also starred opposite Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Kindergarten Cop." Her other TV credits include "The Last Don" opposite "Joan of Arcadia's" Joe Mantenga, and "Rocky Marciano" with George C. Scott.



Penelope Ann Miller

Q. Is Brittany Spears related to the British royal family? I recently read this in an English tabloid where they said she and Prince William are cousins many times removed. — *Julieanne E.*

A. Someone once said that most Americans with Anglo Saxon, Norman as well as Welsh and Scottish ancestry can probably find a point at which they can claim a family connection to the British royals. Some relatively recent reports of these relationships include Presidents Bush I and II, President Bill Clinton, and Secretary of State Colin Powell. So my answer to you is maybe.

Q. Now that they've finished the "Matrix" trilogy, are the producers going to pull another "Star Wars" deal and give us a prequel trilogy as well? — *George T.*

A. I understand that was a consideration, but with the last offering in the Matrix franchise showing lower-than-expected returns, it may be a while—if ever—for the Matrix to rematerialize on screen.

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Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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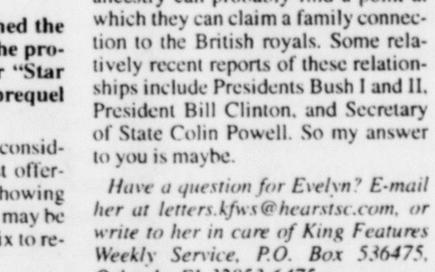
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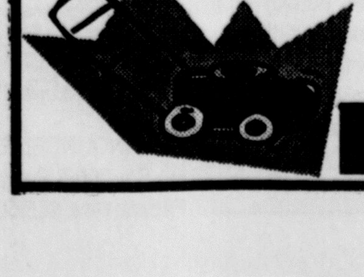
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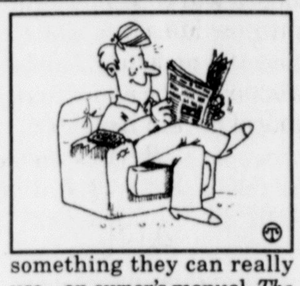
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Updates and Briefs

West Sac close to land purchase

The West Sacramento school district has been in intensive negotiations with landowners for more than six months to purchase land on which to build a new high school by fall, 2007.

The land in question is in the southeast corner of Linden Road and Jefferson Boulevard. It will cost the city an estimated seven million dollars to complete the land purchase. After the state pays their part, West Sacramento will be left with the remaining seven million dollar bill.

The city plans to raise funds with a $50,000 bond measure. The residents of West Sacramento will vote on this measure on March 2, 2004. To pass the measure, the bond will have to be approved by a vote of 55% in its favor.

By Alex Pierson
Staff Writer

API celebration

Last week Assistant Principal Mrs. Broxton announced the date for the schoolwide API celebration. Because the school's annual Academic Performance Index went up so dramatically, R.C.'s administration decided to have a schoolwide celebration.

The date of this event will be Thursday, December 18, 2003 after finals are over for the day. Because it is a minimum day, students can go home if they do not want to attend.

The party will either be in the cafeteria or quad, depending on the weather. The events held during the celebration w As you may have already been informed, River City High School's API scores have raised a considerable amount and a school-wide celebration has been arranged. The date of this event is Thursday, December 18, 2003, which is a minimum day to allow students to go home if they do not want to attend. The party is either in the cafeteria or quad, depending on the weather. The events held during the celebration will include a DJ, food, games, and prizes.

By Jessica Colgan
Staff Writer

AP Scholars

This October, R.C. graduates Ivy Branaman and Leanne Briggs qualified for the prestigious AP Scholar Award, after taking the exam in AP English Language and Literature and AP Calculus and passing with grades of three or higher.

The College Board's Advance Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take college-level courses while still in high schools. They can receive college credits, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the end-of-course AP exams. Only 15% of more than one million high school students in 1,400 secondary schools worldwide who took AP exams received the AP Scholar designation.

At R.C. AP classes are offered in European History for sophomores, juniors and seniors, U.S. History for juniors and seniors, and Spanish, Studio Art and Calculus for seniors.

By Raquel Magdaleno
Staff Writer

Impractical Jokes

Hazing incident raises issues of responsibility

By Sarah Cozad, Samantah Cieri and Daniel Wilson, Staff writers and Editor-In-Chief

The first Friday of each new school year is traditionally known as "Freshman Friday." On this day, upperclassmen often play practical jokes on freshmen such as dumping a trash can over a freshman's head. This simple act may seem harmless, but it is a form of hazing. Hazing is defined as, "to persecute or harass with meaningless, difficult or humiliating tasks" (dictionary.com).

A different kind of hazing incident however, occurred at River City on November 13, 2003, that stunned both students and staff.

"I was shocked to hear of this hazing incident because out of all the schools I've worked at, River City has some of the nicest kids I've met," said Assistant Principal Broxton. As reported by *The News Ledger* and R.C. administration, the incident allegedly involved six members of the varsity football team. After going after one varsity player without success, five of the six players allegedly "pantsed" another teammate and used packing tape, brought from home, to "hogtie" him to a bench in the boys on-site locker room. Other varsity players watched, and junior varsity and freshmen football players also entered the locker room and saw part of the incident. The incident stopped after Coach Bustamante, the freshman football coach, entered the locker room, according to Principal Geivett. The victim's family requested a police and school investigation. The incident was also reported on two KCRA television broadcasts.

Varsity football player Cameron Hughes witnessed the hazing event. "I didn't see the whole scene, but I walked into the locker room and saw all the football players standing around the victim. I heard laughing and knew what was going on because there had been talk about this type of event. I then turned around and walked outside because I didn't think it was funny. I thought it was really stupid because they were hurting someone."

According to R.C.'s administration, all of the alleged players were caught and punished. "The hazers were removed from the team, made ineligible for any post-season honors, suspended from school, and a police report was filed," said Geivett. Varsity Coach Mr. Watkins said that he, Geivett, and Broxton jointly decided the consequences and also considered ending the football season early, "but we didn't want to punish the rest of the team." The players still remain eligible to participate on all other R.C. sports teams, however.

As part of the school's internal investigation, the administration learned that Chris LeCureux, another varsity player, had been taped with athletic tape two days earlier. After multiple interviews with the football players, they determined this incident was significantly different and had been horseplay, not hazing. A week later, the player came forward to tell the *Review* and the administration that he had actually been very upset by that attack.

"I was jumped by six or seven team members, taped and was highly upset because they humiliated me," said LeCureux in an interview with the *Review*. Once again, the administration looked into the incident. Broxton said she interviewed more than twenty students, as well as an additional ten students more than twice each.

"I could not find any student to corroborate the other victim's claims about the November 11th incident," she said.

The Review interviewed ten R.C. students of various grade levels to get their reactions to the November 13 incident.

"I think what punishment they received was acceptable. however, I think the tormentors should have to give a public apology or even possibly serve community service. In my opinion, no one has the right to assault anyone like that," said one junior. Other students agreed that the suspension was reasonable, while others suggested punishments such as not being able to walk at graduation, expulsion, and even "a few months of jail time." Several students called it "stupid."

"Hazing is a horrible thing because you're holding someone against their will and torturing them. If R.C. allows this type of behavior to continue, they might as well allow teachers to throw rocks at students for fun," said junior Iram Shakir.

Dean of Students Mr. Pearman noted that he thought the incident exceeded conventional definitions of hazing. "In my career, I've only really experienced the hazing between classes, such as seniors versus freshmen. I don't consider the incident that happened here a hazing. I thought it was classified as more of an assault," said Pearman. He researched the issue for the *Review* and reported that the California Education Code states that all persons guilty of hazing can be fined, but not arrested.

The *Review* also researched hazing and found one study that claimed that seventy-one percent of all students hazed experienced negative after-effects such as getting into fights, doing poorly in school, hurting other people, having difficult eating, sleeping or concentrating, or feeling angry, confused, embarrassed or guilty. The same survey revealed that forty-three percent of victims felt like part of the group when they were hazed and others felt proud, strong and trusted. (www. Alfred.edu) In the online resource "The History of Hazing," sixty-seven percent of all documented hazing incidents between 1992 and 2002 in the U.S. were on sports teams, and twenty-eight percent of those were on football teams. (hazing.hanknuwer.com) In several of these cases, an anti-hazing policy was created after the incident. R.C. does not have such a policy.

Some students feel that the hazing was blown way out of proportion. They consider such interaction between athletes to be simply "boys being boys."

"Guys are constantly playing practical jokes on each other. In my opinion, pantsing each other and even taping someone down is okay to a certain point. If the person breaks free several times or blood is drawn, then the joke has gone too far," said senior Shalvin Prasad.

In fact, behaviorsoften considered practical jokes such as pantsing, "doinking" (hitting a male in the genitals) and "shirting" (tearing a shirt) were reportedly part of this football season's Thursday afternoon locker room behavior. (Thursday afternoons are when players don't wear their pads.)

"Before the hazing, these types of behaviors happened all the time. After the hazing, however, these types of behaviors still happen, just not as much," said varsity player Rhett Stenback. LeCureux also reported that these behaviors existed all season, and that they were directed toward junior varsity and second-string varsity players, who are often smaller than the starting athletes.

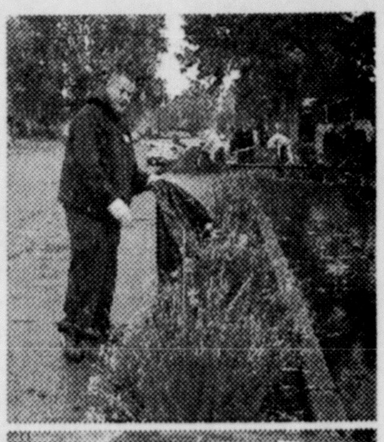
Are these incidents really just roughhousing and horseplay, or are they behaviors

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Campus Beautification

This semester's campus beautification took place on Saturday, November 15 between 8:15 and 11:15. Even though it rained, students still succeeded in planting trees, plants, and shrubs. The volunteers also raked the quad, weeds, picked up trash and swept certain areas. Each student received four hours of community service, lunch and breakfast. For the remaining four hours of community service, the parent group and Mary Lassel, the main coordinator, held another beautification day on December 6.

By Matt Richardson
News Co-Editor









Stomping out failure

R.C offers new tutoring program for freshmen and sophomores

By Manorma Umaria and Pritika Chand
Staff Writers

This fall, a new tutoring program called STOMP (Students Teaching Organization, Motivation, and Preparation) began here at River City.

Stomp is a peer-mentoring group that was created by students to help underclassman such as freshman and sophomores improve their academic performance.

Its main purpose is to reduce the freshman and sophomore inelibility list by twenty-five percent. "This program is very good for students here," said sophomore Sheetal Sharma.

STOMP hopes to improve the academic culture of River City, to have more students be eligible for extracurricular activities, to help increases the number of graduates, and to reduce the number of dropouts. STOMP is a program to try and help students achieve their goals in life and realize that they have more potential than they think.

STOMP mentors are juniors and seniors who have a G.P.A. of 3.0 and above. "I think it's great opportunity for underclassmen to do well throughout their high school year's and it's great for juniors and seniors who want to make their college application look presentable," said junior Nakhter Ahad.

Mentoring takes place during early and late lunch, and after school if necessary in room 104.

Students are no longer mentored when they have remained off of the ineligibility list for the entire semester. They are responsible for their own academic performances, but STOMP will provide help if the students want it.

STOMP is funded by grants and local business donations. The program offers rewards and recognition for students who do well, including movie tickets, restaurant gift certificates, sporting events, and scholarship. Students who feel they would benefit from STOMP should contact Ms.King or Mr. Medina.

P.E. test scores released

Only 18% of last year's freshmen were physically fit

By Raquel Magdaleno
Staff Writer

Last month, the results of the statewide 2003 physical fitness tests were released. Only eighteen percent of last year's R.C. freshmen are considered physically fit based on the results of six separate achievement tests. The statewide average for California freshmen was twenty-four percent.

The test, which is taken by all fifth, seventh, and ninth graders, is called the "Fitnessgram," and includes tests of aerobic capacity, body composition, abdominal strength, trunk strength and flexibility, upper body strength and endurance, and overall flexibility.

While over half of R.C. freshmen passed five of the standards, only thirty-eight percent passed the aerobic capacity standard.

"We as a staff need to do a better job of motivating our kids to run more in P.E. We are going to change the mile time to qualify for our Water World trip to the state goal," said P.E. Department Chair, Mr. Dennis.

Dennis said he wasn't surprised by the large number of students not able to pass the aerobic achievement standard. He explained that because the school only has one track and it is difficult to get to, it is hard for students to get in good aerobic shape.

R.C.'s second-lowest score was upper-body strength, in which just over half (fifty-seven percent) of last year's freshmen passed. Dennis explained that this low number might be due in part to a lack of equipment; there is currently only one weights class available at R.C., taught by Coach Baker.

"Each year there are students numbering in the high teens to low twenties that do not make it in to weights classes, so we decided that if Mr. Dennis teaches a period of weights, those students will be able to take weights," said Baker.

Students agree that having another weights class would improve the physical condition of students. One student, a senior enrolled in Coach Baker's weights class, Freddy Lopez said, "It would be good to have another weights class so that more students who want to get in shape will be able to."

Another weights student, junior Josh Williams, noted that an extra weights class might also benefit the school's sports program.

"I think having another weights class would be good because a lot of students that want to try out for sports want to take weights but can't because there is not enough room," he said.

Dennis also said he believes that R.C.'s results correlate with the fitness behaviors of the U.S. adult population.

"While [I was] working at IRSA, (International Racquet Sports Association), they did a study on adult physical activity and found that [only] twenty percent of all adults exercised on a regular basis, forty percent exercised occasionally, and forty percent didn't exercise at all. So these tests are a reflection on our society," said Dennis.

The *Review* found that two other studies reported that only thirty percent of all U.S. adults exercise regularly.

Opinions

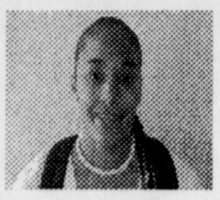
Question in the Quad

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"The best gift I have ever received was my Mighty Mouse teddy bear because my cousin Laurence gave it to me."

—Eduitza Cisneros, freshman



"The best gift I have ever received was my best friend Tiffany Pina. She has changed my life dramatically towards a positive path."

—Olivia Jones, sophomore



"The best gift I have ever received was a trip to New York from my aunt because I got to see some of my family and I got a lot of new clothes."

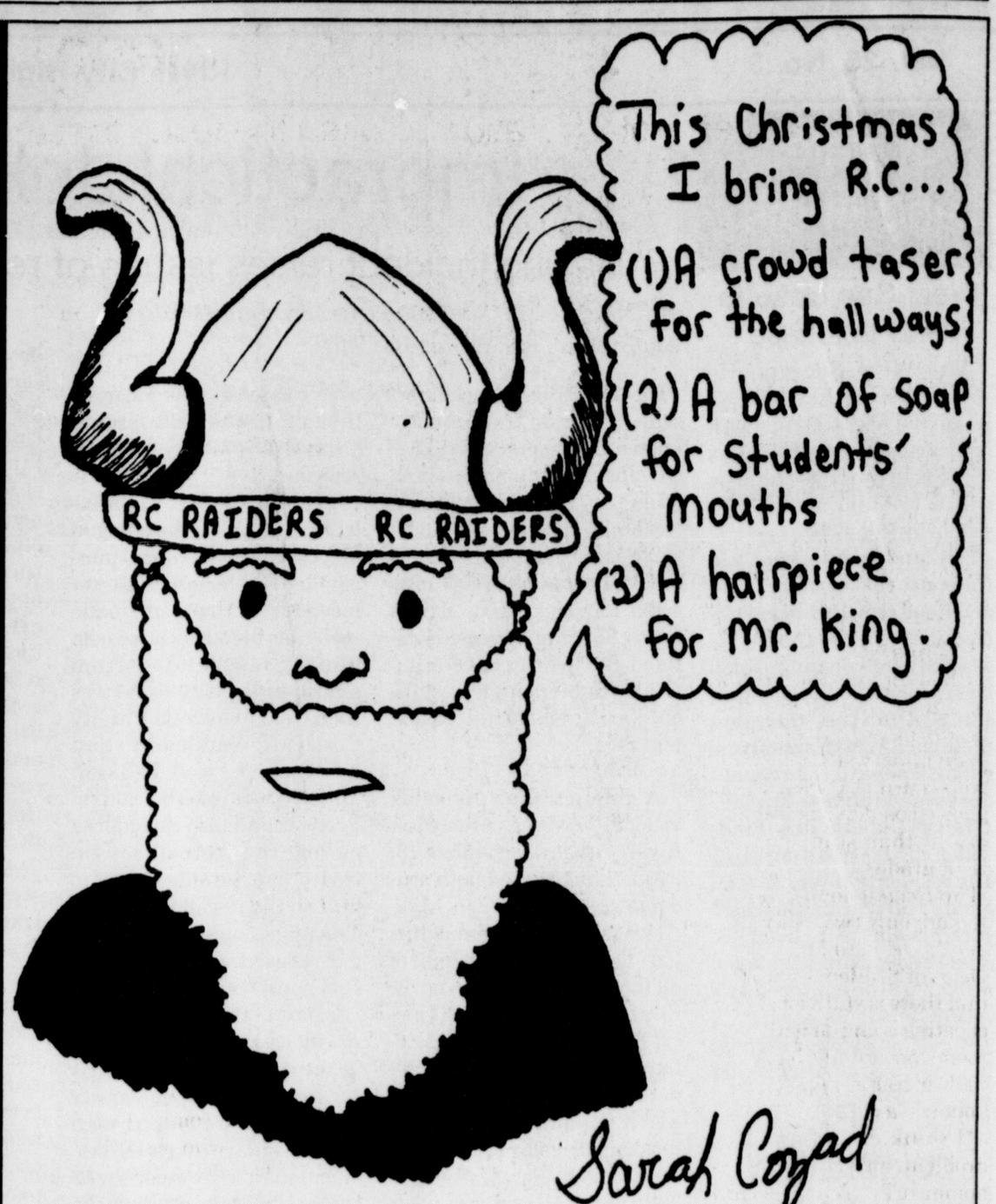
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"The best gift I have ever received was my cat sushi because it is my favorite cat I have ever had and because she is black."

—Brandon Stout, senior

By Tiffany Pina, Staff Writer



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How do you spend the majority of your time online?

	Male	*Female*
News and Entertainment	*9%*	*8%*
Pornography:	*29%*	*13%*
Games:	*22%*	*4%*
Research:	*15%*	*37%*
Chat Rooms:	*9%*	*8%*
Other:	*15%*	*30%*

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The season's greatest gifts

Review staffers share their do's and don't gift-giving ideas

For my girlfriend in love with Eminem

I would get my Eminem-loving girlfriend a shrine of us so she would realize how much I like her and stay with me forever and ever and ever.

She wouldn't think I'm weird would she? I wouldn't get her a poster of Eminem because it will make her realize he is so much hotter than me and dump me.

For my lonely neighbor with four cats

I would get my lonely neighbor with four cats a Starbucks gift card. Since my neighbor isn't a very active person, I hope to get her addicted to coffee so she can become hyper and active and replace those cats for a dog, which will require her to walk it. Overall, I think it will be a life-changing gift.

I wouldn't get her a sad movie because then she might cry and get really depressed and never leave her house again.

For my brother

I would get my brother a cell phone as a gift. This would be a good gift for him because he is in basic training for the army in Georgia, so we don't have any way of getting a hold of him. This would also be good for him because when he's at home, he's on the phone all day.

I wouldn't get him any video games or CD's because he is going to Germany in January and he won't be able to take them with him.

For my high-maintenance boyfriend

I think that the perfect gift for my high maintenance boyfriend would probably be cologne, especially Curve by Liz Claiborne.

The thing that attracts me to a guy is the way he smells; if he smells good, then everything is fine. It is also a good gift if you are totally out of time.

The thing that I really would not get him is probably a clothes because he is so picky when it comes to anything that has to do with the way he looks.

For my anger management prone buddy

I would get my anger management buddy, someone who resembles The Hulk at times, some pleasant scented candles and a CD titled, "Sounds of the Ocean." This way when my buddy gets angry at times and use the soothing sounds of the ocean to calm him down.

My buddy gets really mad when he is challenged with a mentally demanding task, so I would not get him a puzzle because he might end up hurting himself or the dining room table.

My Moocher Friend

I would get my moocher "friend" in history a stack of binder paper and a package of ballpoint pens. Every day in class, he always asks me to borrow something, whether it's a piece of paper or a pen, he always "forgets" something.

However, I think if I went out and bought him school supplies, he would still mooch off of me, so maybe a bucket full of rocks would be a more appropriate fit so that when he asks to borrow something, I can borrow a rock from him and throw it at him.

For my nephew

I would get my nephew a Sit n' Spin as a gift. I would get this for him because he loves spinning my nieces, and it would keep him busy for hours.

I wouldn't get him any Crayons or markers. When he gets them, he draws all over the floor and walls.

By Ellen Spitsyn, Opinions Editor, Hasiba Abdali, Marlena Brookins, Sarah Cozad, and Sarah Smith, Staff Writers.



Features & Lifestyles

"F" for Honesty

Grades, not education, is often the focus for students who cheat

By Lucy Mendoza, Gisela Heacock & Jessica Ramirez
Features Editor & Staff Writers

"I had a surprise Spanish test that I didn't know anything on. It was all new vocabulary and stuff. A girl sitting next to me had the answers on her lap so I just copied off of her. When the test was given back to me, I found out I had only missed one point. So that helped me improve my grade," said an anonymous sophomore who was taking Mr. Gallego's Spanish II class this year.

Cheating is as old a tradition as Christmas, except that it occurs more than once a year. With finals week approaching, will some R.C. students be more focused on devious ways to get an "A" than studying to earn their grade?

The *Review* found that even though only two to three cases get reported to Mr. Pearman, Dean of Students per month, that there is still a lot of sneaky cheating going on within classrooms on a daily basis, especially in college preparation and honors classes.

"I think cheating is a huge problem, mostly with copying homework. Every morning I walk through the quad and I see groups of five or six kids exchanging homework to copy it before school starts," said Mr. West, a math teacher.

Mrs. King, a 10th grade English teacher, agreed, saying she thinks cheating occurs more in some classes than others "I think cheating is prevalent in the more advanced classes because of the pressure put on them for good grades."

A survey conducted by the Josephson Institute of Ethics in 1996 the institute found that in the past struggling students were also more likely to cheat. However, today it is more likely above-average college bound students who are cheating.

Predictably, R.C. students told the *Review* that the most common classes where cheating takes place are in academic core classes, such as social and laboratory sciences, math, English, and the world languages. "There is a lot of pressure to get the top grade," said sophomore Jessica Martinez. According to another study conducted by *Who's Who Among American High School Students in 1998*, the majority (80%) of high school students surveyed agreed that the reason students turn to cheating is because of the pressure to receive the perfect "A" report card.

According to the 37 R.C. students surveyed, all of them agreed that the reason they cheat is because it saves them time and energy when the pressure becomes too much for them to handle. Some even admitted that they cheat in every single one of their classes. One anonymous junior taking advanced courses says he cheats in all of his classes, but more so in his precalculus class. One of his ways of cheating on math tests is to use hand signals with people sitting next to him. Another way he cheats is to use his graphing calculator to send messages to each other. Another senior says that she cheats, but only on quizzes where partners switch papers and they "correct" the paper for each other.

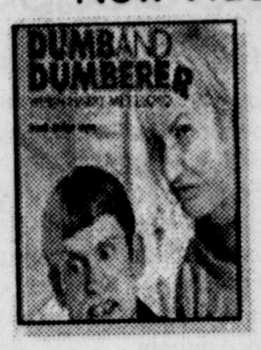
There seem to be two main categories of cheaters at R.C.: students who are lazy and don't take the time to study, and students who are good students, but the pressure of getting an "A" gets the best of them. These students tend to be more careful with cheating. An anonymous world language teacher commented, "Teachers don't expect the good students to cheat so they really don't look for them to. They can get caught but some tend not to." Students who slack are also usually cheaters who get caught more easily and don't cheat wisely. Mr. Loforte, the Honors biology teacher, said, "I haven't caught anyone in my Honors class cheating this year, but I'm not saying that they don't. They probably are very good at it. In my other classes I have found students who have cheated during tests, and they weren't very good at it. The two students who helped each other cheat both ended up getting a 33 percent, while the student sitting next to the one of them got an "A".

Perhabs the most devious means of cheating the *Review* discovered was an anonymous honors sophomore who cheats on her Spanish tests by writing the answers on a piece of paper and taping them to her thigh. The day of the test she wears a skirt, and she hasn't been caught yet.

Mr. Ferris, an English teacher, said, "Sometimes what is sad [about cheating] is that students are willing to give up their honor for a few points. I bet the cheater reading this right now hasn't even considered how honor plays a role in their lives...because it probably doesn't. And that's sad."

Just as some people get caught up in the materialsim of the season, students who cheat seem to be forgetting about the true spirit of education: learning.

New Video/DVD Releases





Title: Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd
Director: Troy Miller (also producer and screenwriter)
Major Stars: Eric Christian Olsen, Derek Richardson, Rachel Nichols
Genre: Comedy. PG-13
Rated: PG-13

As a person gets older that they are supposed to become wiser. When it comes to Harry Dunne and Lloyd Christmas, this does not apply.

Harry is an eighteen-year-old who has never been to school because his mother home schooled him, but now he will start his first year as a freshman in high school. While walking to school, Harry and Lloyd bump into each other and Lloyd wonders why Harry doesn't look familiar.

Then Harry meets Turk, the school bully. Harry thinks Turk is cool, but only because that's what Lloyd thinks. Also, Harry and Lloyd have been put into a "special class" with a small group of students. There is also a love interest named Jessica Matthews who is very popular, and Harry has a crush on her.

Principal Collins and his wife, the "lunch lady", have been scamming the school's money for years. It is up to Harry, Lloyd, Jessica, and the rest of the class to catch them.

After watching this movie, I thought it was really funny because of the characters and situations. This surprised me, because I didn't think it'd be funny at first.

By Jessica Ramirez

Title: Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde
Director: Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
Major Stars: Reese Witherspoon, Sally Fields, Jennifer Coolidge, and Luke Wilson
Genre: Comedy, PG-13
Rating: Four stars

Legally Blonde 2 is another set of Elle Wood's adventures. When she is not getting her nails done, Elle (Reese Witherspoon) is working as a lawyer, and planning her wedding to Luke Wilson's character, Emmit. Suddenly Elle gets fired from her job!

She is depressed for a while, but her need to plan the wedding soon takes all the pain away. Elle decides to invite Bruiser, her cute Chihuahua as one of her guests. Elle then hires a private investigator to find Bruiser's mom.

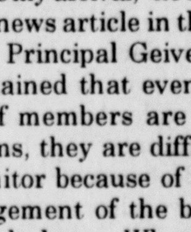
When she is finally found, Elle comes across an immense problem: Bruiser's mom is being used for animal testing for one of Elle's favorite stores, Versace. They cannot let Bruiser's mom go. Furious, Elle decides to travel to Washington to get her ideas heard.

This movie deserves 3 ½ stars out of 4. It is hilarious and will fill your heart with satisfaction when you see a girl such as Elle Woods have a lot of influence on people.

The movie contains funny scenes that will keep you rolling with laughter.

By Marlena Brookins
Staff Writer

Also now available to rent: "Finding Nemo."



Individuals fined thousands for piracy

Attempts to stop Internet file-swapping sweep the nation

By Ellen Spitsyn
Opinions Editor

Acquiring anything without paying for it is stealing. Copying or sharing music, movies, and T.V. shows for free has always been illegal. The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) is trying to stop Internet music sharing in hopes to increase product sales. Record companies blame illegal music file-trading for a 31 percent fall in CD sales since mid-2000. They say multinational companies such as Kazaa have allowed individuals to steal copyrighted music.

Because of the millions of dollars lost in sales, which according to RIAA, "may have been because of the wide reproduction of uploading," the company filed over 260 cases of piracy and copyrights theft against individual users within the last month and has promised thousands more. However, there is no proof supporting the theory that sales dropped because of downloaders.

Here at River City high school, most students don't care about CD sales falling and don't have the fear of landing a lawsuit. "What are the chances?"

There was a case last June when a twelve-year-old girl, Brianna LaHare of New York City, was caught sharing around one-thousand files. The girl was unaware of her wrongdoing. Her parents settled the lawsuit out of court agreeing to pay two dollars for every song their daughter acquired. RIAA decided to go after individuals instead of servers hoping to make an example out of them and to discourage people from swapping files. The enterprise is mainly targeting those who are uploading files. If people stopped uploading files, there wouldn't be any files to download, putting an end to the illegal practice.

"They should be going after companies not individuals if anything," said senior Vincent Valencia, who downloads music, "Since they can't bust everyone, it's not fair for them to go after individuals. It's like having two guilty thieves and letting one go but throwing the other into jail."

Napster experienced an ongoing lawsuit that started in 1999 and didn't end until 2002. RIAA couldn't shut it down altogether because of its international relations, so Napster converted into a website where users can download music for the price of ninety-nine cents a song.

Kazaa is one of the free servers where individuals can share music, movies, documents, TV shows, computer games, video clips and many other files. Kazaa is RIAA's main concern because it not only allows users to share files without exposing their IP address unless in a direct file transfer, but also it was built without a central server, giving RIAA no one to go after. Regardless of anti-downloader's efforts, piracy is a worldwide issue that likely will take years to resolve.

Celebrities aren't the one's suffering from people downloading their work for free; most celebrities get paid depending on their contracts, not on their CD or movie sales. "Celebrities should actually be glad with the service because they're getting their songs played and getting more people to want their CDs," said RC's senior, Ismaeil Sayah. "It's free advertisement." Actually, the smaller bands and artists aren't making the millions they could because people aren't buying their CD's. They earn no money to produce more work.

Other critics of RIAA say that innocent people are at risk of being blamed for piracy. Sarah Ward, a 66-year-old retired schoolteacher from the suburbs of Boston, received a notice last September accusing her of uploading over two thousand rap songs. The woman claimed she never listened to artists such as Snoop Dog or Eminem. Her Apple Macintosh computer isn't even capable of running Kazaa. RIAA has threatened to hold her liable for up to $150,000 for each song. RIAA's representatives have said they are trying to make an example of as many people, targeting people of all ages, nationalities and residence, as they can to send out their message to an estimated sixty million file-swapping users.

So how are people getting caught? For every computer that has Internet access, there is an IP address that can be traced back to your phone number or other personal contact information. Every time you upload or download a file, your IP address becomes displayed. Since RIAA has obtained government support for their cause, several companies are agreeing to share their users' IP addresses. However, three Internet providers, including Charter Pipelines, are standing up to the RIAA, refusing to turn over customer identities. Mistakes in tracing IP addresses is what's getting retired grandmothers accused of sharing rap music about fast cars and baggy jeans

"How can the government punish people for doing something against the law when the government isn't putting enough effort into enforcing these laws and making these applications unavailable to the public?" said R.C. senior Pamela Laguna.

At River City, there hasn't been a problem with downloading files onto school computers this year. In previous years, very few students have engaged in the practice. It has become outlawed on our school campus because individuals sharing large files were crashing the school servers. Students can get suspended and have their rights to use the school network revoked if they are caught downloading or uploading files.

Although Denmark, Germany, Italy and many other countries engage in Internet file-swapping, an estimated 90 percent of lawsuits regarding this issue were filed in the United States. Should you be afraid of downloading music? As of October 2003, only 261 out of an estimated sixty million file-swappers, mostly college students and private music collectors making no profits from the practice, were formally charged. None of the people fined so far expected it to happen to them. Senior Kenny Poirer says, "I'm a rebel, I defy them. I laugh at their faces; they are not scaring me into buying CDs." Vincent Valencia, on the other hand, is afraid, "But I'm not going to stop downloading music, just uploading to reduce my chances of getting fined," he said.

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that progress to hazing and assault?

"My understanding is that 'doinking' may be a problem in the boys' P.E. classes and possibly on athletic teams," said Broxton. "Coaches and P.E. teachers have had their level of concern raised on this issue, and it is simply not allowed. However, the kids (the victims) have got to tell their teachers. The P.E. teachers tell me this is the main problem. In the meantime, they are all aware of this situation and again, it is simply not allowed or tolerated." Watkins added that inappropriate behavior is addressed at the beginning of the season and will be addressed again "with greater emphasis."

Considering that one of the varsity players was able to escape being hazed on November 13, making a clear statement to one's attackers can be enough to stop an incident from occurring. One of the reasons onlookers apparently didn't take the LeCureux incident seriously was because he himself was laughing and the otherplayers said he didn't seem to mind. Perhaps horseplay and hazing also continue to happen because witnesses are afraid to stand up for victims. "If I was witnessing a hazing event, I probably would not try to stop them by myself if I was against a crowd. If I tried to fight the crowd, most likely I would lose and become a victim of hazing myself. So I would go and get an adult to help," said junior Amanda Phillips. However, none of the bystanders who witnessed the attack on November 13 did get help. Vincent Zito, one of the freshman football players who saw part of the hazing, said he had mixed feelings about it.

"I thought it was hilarious, but on the other hand, I thought it was a wrong thing to do to your own teammate who comes out and practices hard everyday."

Some people have questioned why these kinds of behaviors and this particular incident was allowed to happen when a staff member is supposed to be present at all times in the locker room.

"When there are kids in the locker room, a coach is always present. Somebody is scheduled to be in there every day before and after practice. We talk to off-site coaches at the beginning of the season about this issue," Watkins said.

However, he explained that on the day of the hazing, both he and Coach Baker were attending a mandatory IIUSP staff meeting. The door to the locker room was supposed to have been locked, with the students waiting to be let in at the end of the meeting.

"Coach Bustamante told me that when he arrived at the locker room, the doors were locked, and so no one knows how the kids got in," said Watkins. The school's Dean of Students notes that access to these areas throughout the school day is a problem.

"Locker room security has been an ongoing concern since my arrival," he said. In the news article in the *Ledger*, Principal Geivett also explained that even when staff members are in the rooms, they are difficult to monitor because of the arrangement of the benches and lockers. When asked about this issue, he said that he has talked to the coaches about the need to have a more secure locker room.

LeCureux believes that hazing has long-lasting effects. "The (hazers) wanted to have fun and joke around, and get a few laughs because football season was almost over. Of course, it was anything but fun. The jokes went way too far and I think the school should give the maximum punishment because the pride that we (the victims) lost is intangible and irreplaceable."

Sports & Activities

Lighthouse disapointment

R.C.'s golf team loses their course

By Pritika Chand
Staff Writer

This month River City's golf team members lost their home golf course when Lighthouse Golf Course closed. River City's golf team has been playing at Lighthouse for the last eight to nine years, and is now in search of a new home.

The golf course has been an important part of West Sacramento's Marina project, which has been under development over the past decade. The project's owner, the Japan-based Hazama U.S.A. missed a $1.3 million payment on $26.9 million in improvement bonds issued in 1991, according to a recent article in the *Sacramento Bee*. The foreclosure of the Lighthouse golf course took place on September 2, 2003, which leaves the future of the entire Marina project in question. "It is sad that the golf course is closing. I used to go there after school almost everyday," said senior Mouveen Kumar

Lighthouse Golf Course opened in the 1960's as River Bend Golf Course, a nine-hole course on 75 acres. Then in the 1991 the Hazana USA bought the place and extended its course to 18 holes. They also changed the name to Lighthouse Golf Course.

"For years Lighthouse has been by far the most courteous host course in the Sacramento area. Lighthouse Golf Course has been a great support to River City's golf program as well as to many other area schools and youth groups. West Sacramento is already lacking in entertainment and recreational faculties, and the Lighthouse closing will really have an impact on many," said Mr. Hanagan, River City's golf coach.

The school's golf team has been competing and practicing at the course for the past few years. The course's closure leaves River City without a place to play.

"At this time, we are not sure where our home course will be. Our only options are Davis and Sacramento," said Hanagan.

The players will have to find their own transportation to the new home course, which may cause problems for the small team.

Player profile

Aaron Garner is becoming a leader on the court

By Sarah Liden
Staff Writer

Scoring forty-nine points to win the Most Valuable Player award at last weekend's Argonaught High tournament, senior Aaron Garner is off to an exceptional start to his season.

An incredibly well- rounded athlete, he has made an impact on R.C. basketball and continues to lead by example. Garner has been playing basketball for as long as he can remember, and at R.C., he has spent three of his four years on the varsity team.

Topping out at 6'2", Garner, a guard, is an extremely important part of R.C.'s varsity team. He is great with his ball-handling and Coach West thinks Garner has the capability to put a lot of points on the board for the team.

The talented player says that his favorite part of the game is defense. He likes playing an aggressive defense to stop the other team from scoring. He is content to make a great pass and have another teammate score, or he can take the ball and score himself, or he can just stop the other team. Last season he was made All-League Honorable Mention.

"I like everything about basketball and I want to play basketball in college, but I don't know what university I want to go to," said Garner when asked about his plans.

Notably, Garner has also been an outstanding athlete in track and field and football. In football he has been a star quarterback and intrack he excelled in every meet.

Coach West says that this great player is a leader who continuously pushes the rest of the team to do their best.

"He has the ability to be the best player out on the court," said West.

Waiting for the weights

R.C. may not get $250,000 of weights unless space can be found

By Manorma Umaria
Staff Writer

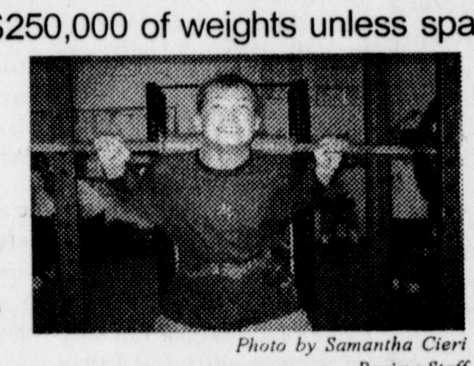


Photo by Samantha Cieri
Review Staff

Sophomore Russell Nelson does a squat in Coach Baker's weights class during sixth period. The class is one of the most popular on campus, but R.C. can offer only one class due to equipment shortages.

The National Sports foundation has offered R.C.'s physical education department $250,000 dollars worth of weight equipment, according to P.E. department chairperson Mr. Dennis. However, R.C. does not currently have the 1,800 square feet needed to have the new equipment, and is in danger of losing this opportunity.

"I think it would be a great way to help students lose weight and get their exercise in school," commented Romika Chand when asked about how she felt about possibly receiving the new equipment.

The foundation has already given away 400 of 800 slots over the past four years, and will continue to give away the remainder of them. According to Dennis, the district is aware of the need for space, and Superintendent Patrick Campbell has told Dennis that he is "looking into it."

One possibility is portables, but portables are not strong enough to hold the heavy weight equipment.

Applications for the sports equipment originally came to Mr. Dennis through the district office. Dennis thought it was a great opportunity and decided to apply for it. The school could receive two weight machines, two treadmills, two bikes, and two elliptical riders. If R.C. does get the equipment, there will be a rotation process, where each student will be on a machine for about thirty seconds. A minimum of thirty-two students this rotation process for thirty minutes each day.

Dennis says the new equipment could be used as a fundraiser for the P.E. department, by offering it as a fitness center for the entire community of West Sacramento to use for a fee. Dennis feels that the extra weights wwould be a great opportunity for R.C. student's, noting that most students are overweight because they don't get the exercise they need. "Having an opportunity like this will be great for the school and hopefully will benefit the community of West Sacramento," commented freshman Nikisha Prakash.

One boat, two boat, Red boat, blue boat

River City rowing:The undiscovered sport

By Samantha Cieri
Sports and Activities Editor

Before sunrise, groups of yawning teens gather and start to stretch their tired muscles as they await the appearance of their competitors.

Sleek charter buses soon arrive at the dock, along with a couple of pickup trucks with trailers loaded with shells (boats).

After the trucks arrive, a group of rowers, perhaps from Berkeley High School or Peninsula Rowing Club, gathers around their shells and start to rig them.

Meanwhile, members of the River City Rowing Club (RCRC) run up and down the road to warm their cold muscles, watching their competitors at work.

At 8:00, the teams have their boats ready and are soon racing neck-and-neck for the fastest time. This is the beginning of a usual Regatta (race day) at the Port of Sacramento on a Saturday.

"Even though there's a lot of pressure, I like the competition, and they (the races) turn out to be a lot of fun," said Lenore Meehan, an R.C. senior.

Most junior rowers row in an eight-person boat, along with their coxswain (usually the captain), but some also row a four-person boat, which are less stable and take more teamwork to keep them from tipping.

Rowing takes much strength, endurance, and training before a team is able to compete in a race. The teams also do more than just row: the Novice (first-year) women just went rock climbing on Halloween, and everybody has to run daily before they are allowed to stretch out or row in a boat.

"It's really cool. It's a very positive workout. I like being on the water; it feels like you're on air," said junior Michael Starkey, who has been rowing since October.

The club has been around since 1985, and the junior crew (for students in school grades 8-12) was established in 1995.

RCRC welcomes anybody who would like to try a different sport to come and try it out. Rowing practice is between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Port of Sacramento on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

If anybody would like to join, RCRC asks people that are interested to call either (530) 758-5014 for the novice boy's coach (Collen), or (916) 451-7764 for the novice girl's coach (Sara).

Regattas are usually every weekend, and involve Head Races in the fall (stagger-started, raced for time), Indoor Races (during the winter on machines), and Sprint Races in the springtime (boats line up side-by-side for the fastest time).

Sports Briefs & Club Updates

By Will Duncan
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V. Boys Basketball

Last weekend R.C took first place in a tournament at Argonaut High School, beating Freedom, Argonant and Red Bluff. Andrew Arreola was chosen as an all-tournament player, and Aaron Garner as the Most Valuable Player, after scoring 49 points.

This year's team is much more experienced than last year's, with eight returning players: Mearjuddin Niazi, Sou Saetern, Chang Saetern, Clayton Jones, Andrew Arreola, Aaron Garner, Cameron Hughes, Marty Beshears. Five of these players have started at one time or more last season. Other new players include Bobby McCoy, Tony Hernandez, Taylor Turner, Justin Lopes, Zac Smith, DJ West, and Zeddie Barger.

V. Girls Basketball

Looking forward to a great season, the players on the varsity girl's basketball team need to play as a team to make it happen. The players for this year's team are: Amber Jones, Amy Saetuern, Ally West, Alyssa Reyes, Jacqueline Hooks, Jayme Appleberry, Maricela Barrera, Natasha Potter, Rosa Verduzco, Sarah Liden, Sarah Samaan, and Tara Shuster. Out of those players, six of them are returning.

The team will concentrate on teamwork, fundamentals ,and their aggressiveness to have a better season than last year, when they only came out with two wins out of 26. The toughest team for the R.C. team will be Vanden.

Tryouts for the team went well, according to the team's original coach, Mr. Beinfest. He says that everyone was trying hard and competing hard with each other. In Mr. Beinfest's opinion, the season will be a better one than last year, even though the team is just as young as last year. As of press time, however the team did not have a coach , as Mr. Beinfest left River City this month.

J.V. Girls Basketball

With a lot of talented players, the Junior Varsity girl's basketball team at R.C. is expecting an exciting season. The players on the team are Lauren Ruvalcaba, Allison Ruvalcaba, Monica Ruiz, Amy Smith, Bailey Chavez, Jenna Roacha, Brittany Johnson, April Rink, and Maniwon Vatong.The team's coach, Malisha Clark, believes that the season will be a good one, considering that last year the team's record was 5-18. Coach Malisha might be moved up to the varsity coaching position because of the vacancy with that team.

B.E.S.T. Club

B.E.S.T. Club's focus this month is the Chevron-sponsored Swainson Hawk Project, in which students monitor the populations of the Swainson hawk. The Swainson hawk's migratory pattern forces it to reside in South America, where the environmental laws allow the use of pesticides that weaken bird's eggshells. Because of this problem, the bird is in danger of being placed on the endangered species list. The Swainson Hawk project is designed to help raise the numbers of bird to once abundant numbers.

On Wednesday, November 19, a group of eight B.E.S.T club members went to the Port of Sacramento with the initiative to weave 20 artificial nests for the rare birds. SMUD employees will then place the nests on each pole in order to provide an artificial habitat for the hawks. They hope to have created these artificial habitats by February.

Armed with an array of digital equipment, the B.E.S.T club will monitor the animal's behavior as they adjust to the artificial environment. These ornithologists-in-training work with other schools on this project in order to preserve the local wild life in the area.

French Club

The French Club chocolate sales have come to a close, and despite setbacks, were a success. Because the chocolate arrived one day before the sales were originally scheduled to end, October 31, the sales continued to November 14. During the thirteen-day sale,the club managed to sell a total of 100 boxes, with 22 boxes still remaining.

The proceeds funded a Cirque du Soleil fieldtrip in San Francisco on November 14, and will help with other proposed trips to various culinary academies in the valley.

M.A.C.

For those students who express themselves through the music they enjoy, there is a new club on campus tailored to you: the Music Appreciation Club (M.A.C.).

Founder and President Chamille Cunningham, a senior, said that she founded the club because she "wanted a fun place where all students could enjoy music."

The club meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during sixth period in advisor Mr. Sandborn's room, 61, where they do more than just listen to music. The club analyzes the lyrics and the musical composition of both modern and classical music. Whenever they raise enough money, the club plans to put on musical presentations in the quad during lunch in order to enlighten non-members with a variety of music.

M.A.C. currently only boasts seven members, but hopes to become a more popular association among students.

M.S.A.

Students in M.S.A. are planning on going to U.C. Davis and Sacramento State in the near future for an Islamic get-together and to listen to several guest speakers on campus. Recently, students received answers about the Muslim culture and Islamic religion. Students in this club are planning to have a fund-raiser sometime at the beginning of next semester so they can buy t-shirts. M.S.A club meets during early lunch on Wednesdays to educate themselves Muslim culture.

Multicultural Club

The first meeting of the new Multicultural Club just kicked off in November. They focused on learning about the traditions of numerous cultures on campus, and deciding how to acknowledge and celebrate the different cultures. The main focus right now for the club is planning fieldtrips and fundraisers. Meetings are on Thursdays during early lunch in room 56, and they hope to soon have meetings during late lunch.

Leadership

At the end of October, Leadership students organized Red Ribbon decorations and Halloween costume contest.

During November, they discussed ways of creating more entertaining and fun rallies, as some students have complained about the simplicity and brevity of the games. They also brainstormed ways to involve more members of the student body. They traveled to other schools to witness other school's attempts to make their rallies more enjoyable.

They also are continuing to seek ways to get as much feedback from students as possible through Student Forum Meetings, and would appreciate student opinions on what the student body would enjoy at their events.

The winter dance is scheduled for December 12. The winter rally was postponed to January because of concerns about a shortened day interfering with finals review.

Wrestling

Another exciting year of wrestling has begun. This year's wrestling team consists of twenty members, making the team the largest in the past few years. This year the nationally-ranked Michael DeMars is the only returning athlete.

However, Coach Juan Acevedo said he expects the team to do well, despite their youth. With fourteen more wrestlers, the team is pushing themselves in every aspect of the game. The final roster for the wrestling team was not available at press time.

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Need for campus overshadows differences

Pretty soon, we're going to need a truce.

Relations between West Sacramento's school district and city government are a bit chilly right now, with sniping and hard feelings due to (most recently) the district's appointment of a new superintendent in a closed selection process. Some city leaders were among the community members who had asked for a broader selection process as this important post was filled.

This was just the latest ice cube in the drink. Leaders of the school and city have been a bit unhappy with each other for some time. But unfortunately, there are reports that these troubles may end up hurting the public. These differences of opinion may have already delayed or endangered state funding for a local library expansion project. They could threaten the level of future cooperation between the city and school district in providing parks and playgrounds to the public. And now, these troubles might place an unneeded hurdle in front of efforts to pass a bond for construction of a new high school.

A vote on the bond measure looms less than three months away, with much to be done. The bond probably won't pass unless the vast majority of civic leaders join the school district's leaders in supporting it.

The high school is badly needed – River City High School's campus is undersized and obsolete. Precise plans for a new campus are yet to be drawn up, and indeed, there are questions about how the campus might be designed to please both advocates of a single campus and proponents of some kind of smaller learning facilities such as "schools within a school" or "academies."

And the real estate for the new campus has yet to be tied down.

Nevertheless, it's time for all parties to support the bond measure, even as its details are still being worked out. All parties to put aside their differences and find a way to make both the high school design and the bond measure a success. Should the resulting high school plan be deficient, there is time to withdraw support later.

A well-designed bond measure and a good plan for a new high school would have a good chance to pass. The measure would only need 55 percent of the voters' approval to pass, and that's an achievable number in West Sacramento today.

But the keys are that the bond measure must be well thought-out and frugal, and that it must enjoy a wide consensus of support among the city's broad swath of leaders. The bond measure must be worthy of enthusiastic support from the school board, the city council, the chamber, the churches, the parents – even the retirees who have little personal stake in what their bond measure tax dollars will buy. And then it must receive that support.

It's time to work together. Time to bury the hatchet.

Letters to the Editor

A "travelin' mayor?

While at the city council meeting some three weeks ago to present my thoughts on the impending fate of our old firehouse, I was witness to what I thought at the time was someone's idea of a clever way to set up the presentation of our mayor's attempt to change the mayoral selection process by pointing out certain defects. What I observed was, to me, a rather wooden set-piece performance of what could go wrong during a pro forma election of the mayor by the city council if there were enough pressure put upon just two members to step aside by an ambitious, upwardly mobile member with visions of future political grandeur dancing in his or her head.

Since I'd already spoken my piece regarding the Old Bryte Firehouse, and had little time left to finish getting ready for work, I felt it was a good time to join into the spirit of the play before me. I stood, said "Hail Caesar", turned and left. Subsequent events as chronicled in both the Sacramento Bee , and our very own News-Ledger, have, however, told a story of a serious intent to play power politics by most of the parties involved in what, to me, was a sham election -- not just a morality play. To quote a late Democratic Speaker of the House: "It is not the lack of evidence, but the seriousness of the charges that require an investigation."

Los Angeles had, as mayor, the late, great "Travelin' Sam" Yorty. It is becoming readily apparent to myself and others that we've acquired the politically ambitious "Travelin' Chris", as witnessed by his recent river crossing to confer and join with Mayor Fargo, as well as his forays into matters not within the council's purview. Whether or not we should evolve into a "strong mayoral" form of city government is, on it's face, a good subject for discussion. Given the seriousness of the consequences of the recent election, it seems to have become a pressing matter for the electorate, as well as those members of the council who appear to more concerned with their possible loss of power than what may be good for everyone's future.

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

City Council double-talk

In the *News-Ledger*, the City Council voted unanimously in favor of a resolution to try to save the golf course, and then at the first opportunity, they rezoned the course. Talk about double-talk.

BOB COLE
West Sacramento

Where is Art when you need him?

Your "Pages From the Past" is an interesting feature. Here is a bit of history made in the "olden days" of just 50 years ago.

After years of busing students from West Sacramento to Woodland, this community finally got its own high school, James Marshall. At that same time West Sacramento Land Company was selling undeveloped lots on a street called Deerwood, which had close proximity to the new high school. The lots were spacious and bounded on the west by pasture land where horses and an occasional deer grazed.

We, as newcomers, came from Woodland to be part of the faculty for the new high school. Mr. Robert Newton of West Sacramento Land Company sold us a lot on Deerwood Street.

Years came and went. The pasture land gave way to an industrial area linked to the Port. During those years, sundry businesses and trailer parks threatened to infringe upon our residential area. Our county supervisor, Art Edmonds, was our champion and fought vigorously for us. Through his efforts and our loyal support our corridor of residential land has been preserved. Trees and shrubbery now add beauty to the property and serve as a screen against the noise and dust of the business world behind us.

With incorporation of the city came a governing body, the city council, and a city General Plan Policy Document. It is a legal document required by state law which serves six community constitutions for development and use of its land.

Section II 3&4 states: "The City shall promote the preservation of the integrity of existing stable neighborhoods." Doesn't Deerwood Street meet that criteria?

To allow the purchase and destruction of the 50-year old corridor of residential property for the installation of a sewer pipeline is unthinkable and illegal according to the constitution.

Surely our city council would not "make a deal" for such a project. We have endeavored to make our cries of objection heard. Where are the Art Edmonds of yesteryear? We feel we are being sold down the river.

LILA MANN
West Sacramento

Get your flu shot

Each year the reasons build why you should protect yourself against influenza by getting

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 4, 2003
File No. 2003-1014

The following person is doing business as Alegria Mexican Food, 1106 Greene Terrace, Davis CA 95616:

Armando Arbizo and Jamie Arbizo, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/4/03.

/s/Armando & Jamie Arbizo

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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File No. 2003-980

The following person is doing business as Brookshill Design, 18301 C.R. 78, Brooks CA 95606:

Manee Tihm Watson, PO Box 98, Brooks CA 95606.

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/s/Manee Tihm Watson

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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File No. 2003-1039

The following person is doing business as Bella DiMicco Hair & Nail Studio, 606 W. Cross St., Woodland CA 95695:

Paula Marie Fusaro, 1445 Westland Ranch Dr., Woodland CA 95776.

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/s/Paula Marie Fusaro

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 16, 2003
File No. 2003-953

The following person is doing business as Pete the Plumber, 152 Inner Cir., Davis CA 95616:

Earl Pete Helfreich, 152 Inner Cir., Davis CA 95616.

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/s/Earl Pete Helfrich

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Too often, travel, instead of broadening the mind, merely lengthens the conversations.
—Elizabeth Drew

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 17, 2003
File No. 2003-1057

The following person is doing business as J&S Painting, 633 Ashley Ave., Woodland CA 95695:

Jim McCall, 633 Ashley Ave., Woodland CA 95695; Scott McCall, 413 Elizabeth Way, Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-17-03.

/s/Jim & Scott McCall

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 21, 2003
File No. 2003-1078

The following person is doing business as B&B Creations, 3396 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacto., CA 95691:

Barbara Marie Griffin, PO Box 1367, W. Sacto., CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-21-03.

/s/Barbara M. Griffin

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 18, 2003
File No. 2003-1062

The following person is doing business as Imagine That! Concepts and Designs, 828 Harvard Bend Dr., Woodland CA 95695:

Sharon K. Dowling, same address as above.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

/s/Sharon K. Dowling

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by: /s/Kimberly Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk

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ORDINANCE SUMMARIES

At their meeting on December 17, 2003, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt Ordinance 03-22 authorizing a Childcare Development Fee.

At their regular meeting on December 3, 2003, the West Sacramento City Council adopted, by the vote noted below, Ordinance 03-16 amending the Zoning Map from C-3 PD-23 (General Commercial Planned Development 23) to C-2 PD45 (Community Commercial Planned Development 45). The change affects 74 acres located in the Riverpoint Center.

AYES: Kristoff, Montemayor, Pierson, Villegas
NOES: None
ABSENT: Cabaldon

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 5, 2003
File No. 2003-1019

The following person is doing business as Co-Owners River Ranch, 3240 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

George H. Wilson Testamentary Trust A&B, 50878 Babel Slough Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612; George David Wilson & Erma A. Wilson Revocable Family Trust, 50878 Babel Slough Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612; Patricia J. Fisher, 116 Centre, Hereford, TX 79045; Wesley J. Fisher 1993 Trust, 116 Centre, Hereford, TX 79045; Roger H. and Dorothy Anne Abley Revocable Trust, 8900 Eschinger Road, Elk Grove, CA 95758; Ness Christian Enterprises, 11051 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove CA 95758.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-1-03. Previous fictitious business name number 96-709.

/s/Arlene Wilson

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 4, 2003
File No. 2003-1012

The following person is doing business as Meza Trucking, 907 Matmor Rd., Woodland CA 95776.

Jose P. Meza and Rosa Meza, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8-03.

/s/Jose P. Meza
/s/Rosa Meza

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 27, 2003
File No. 2003-984

The following person is doing business as Pharmacists Coalition for the Injured Patient, 2646 Regatta Lane, Davis CA 95616:

Peter Kellison, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/1/03.

/s/Peter Kellison

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Most travel is best of all in the anticipation or the remembering; the reality has more to do with losing your luggage.
—Regina Nadelson

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There's one good thing about snow, it makes your lawn look as nice as your neighbor's.
—Clyde Moore

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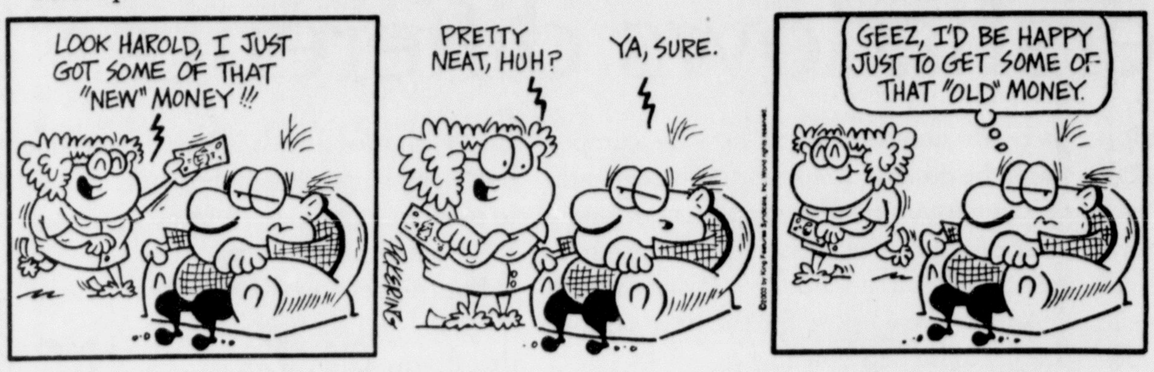
I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move.
—Robert Louis Stevenson

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PUZZLES & COMICS

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps





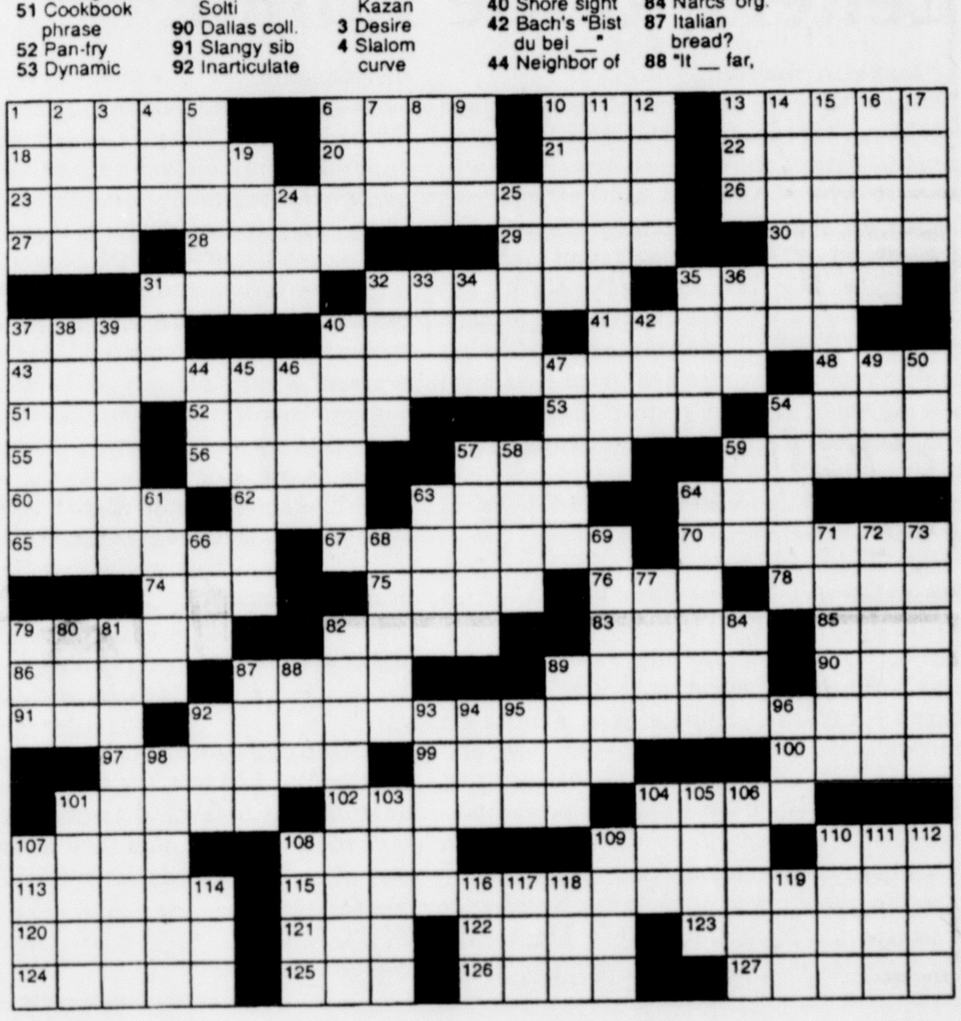


Super Crossword

PAGEANTRY

ACROSS
1 Tiffany treasure
6 Zoom
10 Likely
13 Send the money
18 Novelist Lurie
20 In the thick of
21 Med. test
22 Leave out
23 Injudicious pageant winner?
26 Williams of "Happy Days"
27 Crank's comment
28 Facilitate a felony
29 "__ homo"
30 Tropical spot
31 Literary lioness
32 Couch kin
35 Mobile homes?
37 Leading man?
40 One of twelve
41 Musical key
43 Argumentative pageant winner?
48 "The Raven" monogram
51 Cookbook phrase
52 Pan-fry
53 Dynamic start
54 Shade of green
55 Spigot
56 The __ Brothers
57 Trudge
59 Teach on the side
60 He gave us a lift
62 Homeric character
63 Pound piece
64 Chic, in the '60s
65 Bean's brother
67 Nonconformist pageant winner?
70 Come up
74 Liotta of 127 Across
75 Start fishing
76 Accounting abbr.
78 "__ Lang Syne"
79 Aromatic spice
82 Rocker Townshend
83 Unwelcome visit?
85 TV's "My Sister __"
86 Wet blanket
87 Stead
89 Sweetly, to Solti
90 Dallas coll.
91 Slangy sib
92 Inarticulate pageant winner?
97 French pointillist
99 Lose one's tail?
100 Cooking fat
101 Play ground?
102 Congenital
104 Coalition
107 "Oh, woe!"
108 Scored, to Sampras
109 Impartial
110 Exec's deg.
113 Ditka and Douglas
115 Deceptive pageant winner?
120 "Die Fledermaus" maid
121 PA hours
122 With 25 Down, aquarium fish
123 Expiated
124 Thick
125 Crosses (out)
126 Casanova's cry?
127 "Unlawful __" ('92 film)

DOWN
1 Window part
2 Director Kazan
3 Desire
4 Slalom curve
5 Resident
6 Diplomacy
7 Aussie walker
8 Feel awful
9 Nutritional abbr.
10 Clerical vestment
11 Went on
12 Prong
13 Singer Chris
14 Weather factor
15 Abusive pageant winner?
16 Sacred cows
17 Shoe size
19 Collars a crook
24 Where goats gambol
25 See 122 Across
31 Marmaduke has two
32 Positive
33 Hesitater's sounds
34 Little one
35 Baseball's Martinez
36 Chang's sib
37 Explosive mixture
38 Expand
39 Neat __
40 Shore sight
42 Bach's "Bist du bei __"
44 Neighbor of Mex.
45 That is
46 Sonny & Cher song, e.g.
47 Mother Judd
49 Commotion
50 Part of MPH
54 Biblical region
57 Oater extras
58 Departed
59 Hen's hubby
61 Remove varnish
63 HS exam
64 Florentine family name
66 Holm of "Brazil"
68 Freeze
69 Actor Power
71 Zhivago's country
72 Star quality
73 Halley or Hillary
77 Soft mineral
79 LP replacements
80 Psychic Gellar
81 Inaccurate pageant winner?
82 DDT, for instance
84 Narcs' org.
87 Italian bread?
88 "It __ far, far better"
89 Teen title
92 Toby, for one
93 Rips to shreds
94 Slangy suffix
95 Squirrel's snack
96 RN's specialty
98 Art supporters?
101 Playground feature
103 Homes on high
104 Candy quantity
105 Ohio city
106 Declaim
107 "Diary of __ Housewife" ('70 film)
108 NYSE rival
109 Baptism site
110 Make money
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112 He's Devine
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118 Crafty critter
119 Heavy weight

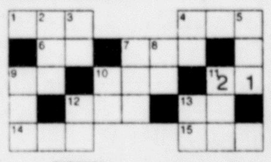


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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. Thirty less than 10-Across
4. One more than 7-Across
6. One-ninth of 3-Down
7. 7-Down minus 11-Across
9. 11-Across plus 10-Down
10. 4-Across plus 15-Across
11. One-third of 13-Across
12. 14-Across minus 5-Down
13. Digits of 4-Down reversed
14. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
15. 11-Down minus 8-Down

DOWN
2. 11-Across plus 3-Down
3. Forty more than 10-Down
4. Two times 12-Down
5. Seven hundred more than 2-Down
7. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
8. Seven less than 4-Down
9. Seven times 12-Across
10. 11-Across plus 8-Down
11. 9-Down minus 1-Across
12. Eight more than 6-Across
13. The first digit is three times the last digit

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Y X R L T V U N N S Q T S P N
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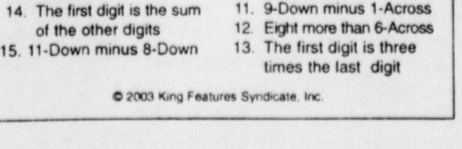
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Affairs	Business	Court	Law
Audience	Calling code	Cup	Market
Bank	Candle	Date Line	Waters
Brigade	Commission	Fame	

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.N.A Smith

"Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat"

Running Time: 78 minutes
MPAA rating: PG

Since 1957, millions of children have grown up with Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the Hat" as the first book they learned to read all by themselves. Many of us also have fond memories of the 1971 television cartoon special.

If you want to retain those precious, innocent childhood memories, then for goodness' sake don't see the abomination currently in theaters claiming to be "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat." This Cat is a Dog.

This movie robs the original work of all its innocence and reduces the story to a string of fart jokes and sexual innuendo. At one point in the film, the Cat (Mike Myers) looks at the picture of the two children's mother and it magically turns into a centerfold. How is a parent supposed to explain to their 7-year-old a joke about pornography?

The plot of the movie shares very little with the book. A single mother (Kelly Preston) has to work on a Saturday, so she hires a narcoleptic Asian babysitter to care for her son, Conrad (Spencer Breslin); and daughter Sally (Dakota Fanning). Mom has a smarmy suitor (Alec Baldwin) who dreams of sending Conrad to military school. While mom is away and the babysitter is asleep, a Cat in a Hat appears and wreaks havoc in the house as he tries to get back to his dimension.

If there is a moral to this movie, it must be to be a good consumer, since the film is packed with product placements — everything from Palm Pilot to Kellogg's, and even a blatant plug for Universal Studios.

There is nothing redeemable about this movie. Mike Myers' portrayal of the Cat is nothing but a furry combination of Linda Richman and Austin Powers. If the star of the movie doesn't care enough to create a believable, original character, why should we?

Avoid the movie. Buy the book. Read it to your child or grandchild. It will be a far more rewarding experience for you both.

GRADE: F



Mike Myers as The Cat

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YOUR AMERICA

by Amy Anderson

Fruitcake Fun

Johnny Carson once joked that there is only one fruitcake in the United States, but it keeps getting passed around from family to family. That was said to be the low point in fruitcake PR, and that's saying something for a food that is the butt of many a holiday joke.

But there are die-hard fans of this dandy cake that only gets better with age. What's not to like about a food that's filled with fruits and nuts? Plus, it stays good practically forever, and it's a perfect travel food — heavy on the energy, no refrigeration needed, with a little liquor to loosen you up.

However you feel about fruitcake — love it or hate it — there is a place for you to go to express yourself.

To southeast Georgia, where you can go on the mother-of-all-fruitcake shopping sprees, or Colorado, where you'll find that fruitcakes really do know how to fly.

Claxton, Ga., which sits about 200 miles southeast of Atlanta, is the self-proclaimed Fruitcake Capital of the World. And arguably so, since nobody sells more fruitcake — to the tune of more than 4.5 million pounds every year — than Claxton Bakery and the Georgia Fruitcake Company, both located in here. If you have ever eaten a commercially made fruitcake, odds are that Claxton is where it was produced. Shop both bakeries, and stock up.

Now what to do if musty Aunt Maude has bequeathed you the family fruitcake and you couldn't care less? Don't toss it in the trashcan — take it to Manitou Springs, Colo., where you can toss it in style at the 8th Annual Great Fruitcake Toss, set for Jan. 3, 2004. Crowds gather at Memorial Park every year for this fun post-holiday stress-reliever. And all fruitcakes (at least the edible variety) are fair game for everything from simple tossing to catapulting to hurling, putting, dressing up and anything else you can think of. The events kick off just after 10:30 a.m., so come early and BYOF (bring your own fruitcake).

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Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.

—Mark Twain

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To hold a pen is to be at war.

—Voltaire

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

HOLIDAY TREATS GET HONEY OF A TWIST



Adults may find it easy to resist tasting as cookies come from the oven. Not so with youngsters. So, you may want to follow my mother's way. She'd start her holiday baking weeks ahead, usually after we kids were in bed. Believe me, it wasn't easy to fall asleep with the redolence of spices, honey, chocolate and flavor extracts wafting through the apartment.

Most cookies can be baked way ahead and stored in airtight tin or plastic containers. Line the container with wax paper, with a sheet of it between layers of cookies. Don't mix varieties, and NEVER store crisp cookies with soft ones.

HONEY-KISSED CHOCOLATE DROP COOKIES

- *1 cup honey*
- *6 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened*
- *2 cups all-purpose flour*
- *1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder*
- *1/2 teaspoon baking soda*
- *Rainbow candy sprinkles*
- *Chocolate kisses*

Preheat oven to 350 F.

In medium bowl, cream honey and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in flour, cocoa powder and baking soda. Pour rainbow sprinkles into separate bowl. With hands, shape dough into 1-inch balls. Drop balls into rainbow sprinkles and roll gently to coat. Place balls on well-greased cookie sheet, and gently press one chocolate kiss into center of each cookie. Bake at 350 F for 10 minutes. Do not overbake. Remove cookies from sheet and cool on wire rack. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

HONEY GINGERBREAD COOKIES

- *1 1/2 cups honey*
- *3/4 cup butter, softened*
- *1 egg*
- *5 cups all-purpose flour*
- *2 teaspoons baking powder*
- *1 tablespoon ground cinnamon*
- *1 tablespoon ground ginger*
- *1 teaspoon ground cloves*

Preheat oven to 350 F.

In large bowl, cream honey and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Add flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger and cloves; mix until combined. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. When chilled, divide dough in half; return one half to refrigerator. Dust work surface and dough with flour. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes with cookie cutters; transfer to well-greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 F for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove cookies from sheet and cool on wire rack. Repeat with remaining half of dough. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

PEANUT BUTTER-HONEY COOKIES

- *3/4 cup honey*
- *1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened*
- *1 egg*
- *3/4 cup peanut butter*
- *1 teaspoon vanilla extract*
- *1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour*
- *1/2 teaspoon salt*
- *1/2 teaspoon baking soda*

In medium bowl, cream honey and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, peanut butter and vanilla. Add flour, salt and baking soda; mix until combined. Drop dough, one tablespoon at a time, onto well-greased baking sheet. Dip fork into flour and press flat on each cookie to form an "X". Bake at 350 F for 10-12 minutes. Remove cookies from sheet and cool on wire rack. Makes 2 dozen cookies.

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

May 6, 1921

LOCAL ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered 15 feet 4 inches, U. S. gauge at the Southern Pacific bridge, yesterday.

Mrs. Kate Todhunter has been up from Vallejo during the past week at the home of Homer Lee. She will likely remain here or purchase a home in Sacramento.

A. Bonomi was a visitor at Stockton yesterday. He will likely return to his home this evening.

J. Ramsey and family are about to move into the Buckingham house across Third street from the end of the bridge.

What might have been a very serious accident happened last Tuesday night at the end of the bridge or rather at the Third street crossing. Jack Daly and Ed Head came across from Sacramento and just as they were crossing the railroad tracks the engine of Daly's car died, leaving the auto across the east bound tracks with train No. 20 approaching at a slow rate about a block distant. Daly jumped and ran to get out of the way, but Ed Head remained and tried to push the car off the track which he was unable to do before it was hit by the train. The auto was wrecked badly, having a rear wheel broken and a fender torn off and otherwise badly bumped. Those who witnessed Daly sprinting from the spot will never forget it, because he put on more speed than a man half his size could be expected to make.

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At a committee meeting last Monday of the teachers of the Washington school and members of the Parent-Teacher Association it was decided to hold the annual picnic of the school on the school grounds May 16th. There will be a program in the auditorium in charge of the teachers. A baseball game and athletic contests will be part of the amusement of the picnic. The prizes for games and the ice cream wil be furnished by the teachers and the Parent-Teacher Association will furnish the cakes.

Miss Irene Dodson of Glenn, Glenn County, is a guest at the home of Mrs. J. P. Queener.

Putzman's sells large rubber pedals, $1.65; regular, $2.00. 1015 J St.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Noyes entertained at dinner last Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Queener and two daughters, Jeanette and Eunice, of Glenn, Glenn County.

Mrs. F. E. Murray and two daughters have returned from spending a few days in Sacramento.

H. B. Buckingham motored last Sunday to Stockton and was accompanied back to Washington by his wife, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Elmer Johnson.

John McNevin, who has been confined for several weeks in the Suothern Pacific Hospital in San Francisco, after undergoing an operation, has returned to his home improved in health.

Putzman's sells bicycles, $1.00 a week plan. 1015 J street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Norton have left for Wisconsin, where the will visit relativyes. On the return trip they will visit relatives in Idaho.

Mrs. Belle Parkinson of Washington, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Myrick and Mrs. E. Benbow of Sacramento, motored to Dixon last Sunday to attend the May day picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brown have moved to Sacramento to live.

Miss Ethel Cook came up from San Francisco, accompanied by Mrs. Will Thorbern of Berkeley, to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cook. Other week-end visitors at the Cook home were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ford of Roseville and Mrs. Will Gordon of Napa.

Mrs. Jeff Lee of Arbuckle, and her brother, Dick Shrader of Stockton, were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lynch last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jasper of Wheatland were visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fred L. White, Jr., last Sunday.

Mr.s Mamie Conzetti entertained as week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Lincoln of Los Angeles. Lincoln is a photo-play director of the south. Mrs. Edith Martinet of San Francisco was also a recent guest at the Conzetti home.

Putzman's sells Vitalic double tube bike tires, $3.50. 1015 J St.

The dance given by the Rocket Club in the Town Hall last Saturday night was a very sociable affair with a fairly good crowd present in their rags and patches. The club promises another dance in the near future with some new feature to attract a crowd.

Last Wednesday afternoon an auto party on the way from San Francisco to Oregon to settle down on a ranch became confused at the Fifth street crossing and turning too quickly ran down the embankment breaking the fence around the Markey property. No serious damage was done, but so many accidents have happened at this point that something should be done or else disaster will befall some stranger at this point.

Fishing has been slow during the past week for local fishermen, but great quantities have been taken at points farther north. The catches around Butte City are very heavy with an increasing run of salmon, which is being reshipped mostly from Washington by the Pankost Boat and Fisheries Co. Prices to the fishermen at the present time are not very encouraging because a drop was made during the past week. The prevailing prices are 12½ cents for salmon, 10 cents for small bass, 12½ cents for large bass, and 6 cents for roe shad. There is no market for buck shad which is now being used for fertilizer or is being thrown back into the river.

Willard Pankost was fined $20, the minimum, last Monday by Judge Barry for having in his possession sturgeon taken from the Sacramento River. Complaint was made by W. J. Green of the State Fish and Game Commission. Pankost sold a part of the sturgeon to a Sacramento Jap who "peached" on him. He paid the penalty without demur.

Putzman's sells No. 61 Diamond bike chains, $2.25; regular price, $3.50. 1015 J street.

The storm of last Sunday brought down the river a great quantity of debris from points above Redding. The debris consisted of branches of pine trees and other wood native to the mountains.

Roy Pankost has returned from Reno after an absence of a month. He says that "jackass" is more plentiful there than it is in any part of California and no efforts are made to conceal its sale and distribution.

J. G. Soule and wife are at home from San Francisco after an absence of six weeks during which both of them were taken with a mild case of flu. They have fully recovered since returning home.

Joe Beltrami has purchased the business lately conducted by Tom Evans at the corner of Second and Harriet streets. He will conduct a soft drink place there and as soon as the Evans family gets moved to another residence he will bring his family to reside on the premises. Joe is not a stranger in Washington because he operated the Washington Hotel last year for several months.

Eli Talbot and daughter, Miss Clarice Talbot, left yesterday for Oakland. The former will return in a few days, accompanied by Mrs. Talbot, who has been in Oakland for several weeks, while the latter will remain for a longer stay with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moffatt have moved from Roseville to Washington, where they will make their home.

The meeting of the Washington Parent-Teacher Association, planned for yesferday, was postponed to this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The annual nomination of officers for the new term will be made.

A. G. Brietzke has purchased a home at Twenty-eighth and G streets in Sacramento. At the close of the school term in Washington, Brietzke will move his family to the new home.

Elbridge Fairbanks, Jr., of Stockton was a visitor last Friday at the home of his cousin, I. K. Manchester.

Mrs. A. A. Dassonville, Miss Josephine Vergilio, Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Manchester and Blair Manchester motored to Davis Saturday night for the concert of the Southern Pacific Glee Club.

Miss Mollie Bonham and Thomas Kelly of San Francisco were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cluness over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tanner left Thursday for New York, where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Tanner have been residents of Bryte for the past six years.

Mrs. Alma Gianelli of Stockton was a visitor last Friday at the home of her cousin, I. K. Manchester. Mrs. Gianelli returned only recently from New Jersey, where she was employed in a munitions plant during the war.

Miss Neville Korrell has been chosen by the students of the Woodland high school to represent Venus in the floral parade next Saturday. She is eminently fitted in grace and stateliness to fill the place.

Less than twenty-four hours confinement in the galvanized iron jail in Washington on a warm night was considered sufficient punishment by Judge Jerome Barry for a Mexican who was caught peeping into the windows of the J. Anderson home. The Mexican, who was unable to give his name, was arrested Tuesday evening and released the following day upon being brought before Judge Barry. He had loaded up on jackass and wanted to see some friends he believed he knew.

RUNAWAY TEAM MAY BE CAUSE OF MAN'S DEATH AT FISK RANCH

While working on the Fisk ranch a few miles north of Washington yesterday afternoon a laborer was so seriously hurt that he will likely die.

From accounts at hand it seems the team was frightened and ran away, throwing the man from a wagon or other farm implement.

The red cross ambulance was sent from Sacramento and conveyed him to the Sisters Hospital where he was placed under the care of Dr. Rulison.

Mr. Fisk was in Sacramento at the time of the accident, but met the ambulance on its way to town. He said he hired the man last Wednesday and had not yet asked his name nor anything about him nor did he know how the accident happened.

Last night Dr. Rulison said that the man was suffering apparently from a fractured skull.

No papers or marks of identification were found in his possession, hence his identity is lost temporarily because since he was hurt he has been unconscious.

EDWARDS' DEATH CAUSED BY ACUTE INDIGESTION

Suffering with acute indigestion Thomas H. Edwards died on his birthday, May 1st, at Placerville where he had been living for several years.

Edwards was a native of California and was a miner and blacksmith during many years. He was 57 years of age and leaves to mourn him his widow, Mrs. Annie Edwards with two children, Mrs. Ward Pagnello and Charles W. Edwards, all residents of Washington.

His funeral was held last Wednesday from a Sacramento undertaking parlor where the funeral services of the Methodist Church were conducted over his remains.

Interment was in East Lawn beside the remains of his daughter, the late Mrs. George Wells.

A Harvard professor has been found distilling moonshine in his private home. He is only one of the professors that has been caught to date at that kind of work.

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Isn't it well that the people respect the Volstead law.

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Many complaints have been made about the condition of the road extending westward from the crossing at Fifth street to the Todhunter gate wset of Eighth street.

This piece of road is so rough that it is practically impassible and dangerous for autos or any vehicles on light springs.

An auto may not drive over this piece of road at more than five miles an hour.

Yesterday, Howard Lee, returning from Riverbank after delivering his orders to customers, was coming along near Sixth street when his truck struck one of these chuck holes. The shock was so great that he could proceed no farther and laid down for a short while to recuperate. After waiting some time he managed to drive the car in low to his grocery store where he was forced to go to bed and call a physician.

Dr. Wells diagnosed the case as a floating kidney that had been jarred loose in the shock at the chuck hole. After treatment he managed to be around the store looking after his business.

This is part of the road included under the bond issue voted by the people last year. Work on it has been delayed by the refusal of the Southern Pacific Company to grant a right-of-way north of the tracks from Third street to Fifth street. No repair work has been done on these few blocks for several years so that it is in a deplorable condition resulting in such accidents as that which occurred yesterday.

The two railroad crossings at Third and Fifth streets are very dangerous. A road north of the tracks for these blocks would be a great help in avoiding accidents, but the railroad company refuses to grant the right-of-way although it promised to do so when a franchise was asked on Ann street at the time the bridge was built in 1911.

Not a day passes that human lives are not endangered at these two crossings and the roadway between is an added danger for all people in autos or other vehicles.

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Walter Silva, 1590 Headslane Rd., W. Sac., CA 95691; Gilbert M. Silva, 2251 Watt Ave., Sac., CA 95825.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 11-21-03.

/s/Walter Silva

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Christopher Hollow Partners, 630 2nd St., Davis CA 95616:

Steve Boschken, same address.

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/s/Steve Boschken, General Partner

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The following person is doing business as Manna Korean Japanese Cuisine, 622 3rd St., Davis CA 95616:

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/s/Grace M. Ahn
/s/Lana M. Ahn

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The following person is doing business as 866DEBT CUT, 3329 Bonaire Rd.:

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Police log

Dec. 7, 2:30 a.m.

A Safflower Place resident reported that a van had been taken without permission.

Dec. 5, 7 a.m.

A 1991 Saturn was stolen from the 400-block of Westacre Road.

Dec. 5, 8:20 a.m.

On Madrone Ave., someone burglarized a home and took a van during the night.

Dec. 5, 12:09 p.m.

A woman wanted to press charges after her boyfriend accused her of having an affair and then grabbed her by the hair and pulled on it, leaving her with pain. She left the premises, taking their one-year old son. The man was located by police and arrested.

Dec. 5, 12:30 p.m.

A 16-year old mentally disabled boy was reported "at risk" after he climbed out a window and left home. He was located and returned home by officers.

Dec. 5, 11:45 a.m.

A nine-year old was taken into protective custody after the family he was living with was no longer able to take care of him. The boy's parents were both in prison.

Dec. 5, 2 p.m.

Near 6th and C, a 16-year old girl reported that she had been walking along the street when a man in a truck yelled at her to get in. She refused and the man drove away.

Dec. 5, 1:50 p.m.

Unknown suspects took a golf cart at a local golf course and tried to drive it into a lake. Someone also sprayed an obscenity referencing a local developer on a brick monument wall at the development site.

Dec. 5, 3:38 p.m.

A 15-year old female said a man about 60 years old had entered her residence without permission and fondled her. When she told him to stop, he did and left, but said he would be back later.

Dec. 5, 6:50 p.m.

A 47-year old West Sacramento man was arrested for pulling out a pocket knife and using it to strike a person on the face during an argument. The suspect fled, but was later contacted and arrested. The suspect had an outstanding warrant.

Dec. 5, 9 p.m.

An officer saw a 33-year old West Sacramento woman screaming at passing cars. The woman turned out to have a felony arrest warrant. She was arrested. A syringe was found in her bra, and others were in her purse.

Dec. 5, 9 p.m.

Undercover officers participated in a prostitution "sting" operation. A 42-year old woman arrested after agreeing to a sex act near West Capitol Ave. and Poplar was among at least four women arrested for suspected prostitution.

Dec. 6, 8:45 a.m.

The parents of a 14-year old boy told police the boy had run away again.

Dec. 6, 10 a.m.

Police responded to the report of a subject trying to stab family members. They found that a male had been arguing with and trying to stab his brother and another victim with a large knife, and arrested the suspect.

Dec. 6, 5:04 p.m.

Near West Capitol Ave. and Westacre Road, an officer contacted a man during a vehicle stop. The man had an outstanding felony warrant from the state of Georgia, which had agreed to extradite him. The man was jailed.

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an annual flu shot. Not only do influenza and its complications pose a risk of hospitalization and death, health officials are concerned that Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) could return this winter and complicated diagnosis and treatment of the flu and SARS. If a patient gets a flu shot and later comes down with fever, body aches and coughing, it may help doctors make a better diagnosis than if the patient hadn't had a flu shot. SARS aside, influenza itself is a heinous disease of the lungs than can lead to pneumonia. It's not just a bad cold, and it's not your father's flu. This could be a bad year for the flu because the last two flu seasons have been mild and it's unusual to have three mild seasons in a row, according to the Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta.

Shots for Tots and the California Coalition for Childhood Immunization strongly encourage you to take advantage of this season's plentiful supply of influenza vaccine -- in particular, people over 50, infants and toddlers, and anyone with chronic health conditions, or living with people who have these conditions. A flu shot can prevent death, severe illness and protect other people. Numerous public clinics and private health care facilities provide access to free or low-cost flu shots.

While SARS, West Nile Virus, Smallpox and Anthrax are at the front of our emergency preparedness radar screen, more people die every year from the flu than any other vaccine-preventable disease, according to CDC.

I urge you to get your flu shot if you are: 50 years old or older; 6-23 months of age; have a chronic health problem, such as heart, lung or kidney disease, asthma, or diabetes; have a weakened immune system due to HIV/AIDS or other condition; are pregnant; a healthcare worker; living in dormitories or crowded conditions; or just want to avoid the flu.

DR. DEAN BLUMBERG
Associate Professor of Pediatric Infectious Disease
UC Davis School of Medicine

Thanks to CWA

For 17 years, the California Water Association (CWA) has put food on the tables of needy families on Thanksgiving. Through Operation Gobble, a CWA project, thousands of turkeys have been distributed throughout the state over the years.

This year, the Dixon division of CWA is donating 500 turkeys to those in need throughout Solano and Yolo Counties. Of those 500 turkeys, 200 were donated to the Solano and Yolo County Food Banks.

CWA's efforts are to be lauded. I am heartened by the efforts of the local corporate business to give back to the community. Especially in these tough budget times, charitable contributions compliment services offered by the state, and create essential relationships within the community. Simply put, charity builds communities.

LOIS WOLK
Assemblywoman, 8th District

New leadership?

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's latest plans to solve our state's budget crisis don't match his campaign promises and leaves the next generation responsible for today's financial woes. Sounds like politics as usual to me.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
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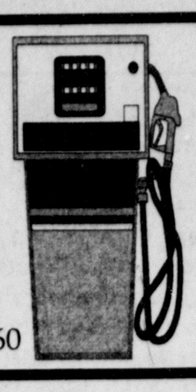
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Honoring a Supe

Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan invites you to join him in honoring former supervisor Art Edmonds, at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, in the River City Conference Room of the County Building, 500 Jefferson Blvd., Building A, in West Sacramento. There will be a celebration and dedication of a sign naming the Jefferson Blvd. underpass after Edmonds – a naming done in 1981. RSVP to 376-9253.

Preschool

Discovery Preschool, the newest preschool in West Sacramento, will take registration beginning Dec. 8 for the session beginning in January. The preschool includes an educational program with certified teachers and new equipment and supplies. Open to kids age 3-5; all students must be potty trained. Call 617-4620.

Orchestra

The West Sacramento Community Orchestra offers a free concert of holiday favorites on Sun., Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. at the civic center galleria, 1110 West Capitol Ave. A similar concert is scheduled for Tues., Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Methodist Church, 5401 Freeport Blvd. in Sacramento. Musicians are also sought for the orchestra. Call (916) 991-5262.

Christmas party

The Bryte Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars post will host a Christmas party for children at 2 p.m. on Dec. 14. Kids 10 and under are invited. There will be a clown, refreshments, gifts, and a visit with Santa. 1708 Lisbon Ave., West Sacramento. Call 371-9126.

Santa will visit

West Sacramento's Elks Lodge will invite Santa to visit on Dec. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be games and hot dogs for kids while they wait for Santa's appearance.

Christmas baskets

The West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project, in which donors and volunteers provide holiday food baskets to the needy, will accept signups from people who wish to receive baskets through Dec. 14. Signups will be accepted 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays and 1-3 p.m. Sundays. On Sundays, signups will be accepted at Holy Cross Church, 1321 Anna Street. On other days, go to the Center for Information on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse on the premises of Community Lutheran Church. Bring proof of residency (rent receipt/utility bill), driver's license or ID, proof of income and social security card. Food distribution will be Sat. & Sun., Dec. 20-21. Call Carol, 372-3360, or Ardis, 373-5819, for information. A toy distribution will also be made, for parents of kids 12 and under, on Dec. 22.

Republicans

The West Sacramento Republicans will celebrate Christmas with a gathering on Sat., Dec. 20, from 6-9 p.m. at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. There will be a potluck and gift exchange. Current and new members are both invited. For information and to RSVP, call 375-0700. Each family should bring a main dish and salad or side dish to share, and each person should bring a wrapped gift ($5 limit) and a canned food item for the food drive.

Food drive

The West Sacramento Republicans will collect canned food for area food closets during December. Donations will be accepted during precinct walks and at local collection sites, including Denny's, KOA campground, Homer's Florist, 15th Street Market, and Christ Bradford Investments (1001 Jefferson Blvd., Suite 800). For information or home collection, call 375-0700.

Coats wanted

Donations of new or gently-used coats and socks are needed to help needy children in the area. Call the Volunteer Connection, a "Hands Together Program," at (530) 661-6636 to find a donation location near you.

Teen center

You're invited to an open house to check out the progress at the Collings West Sacramento Teen Center, 1541 Merkley Avenue (near the post office). Drop in from 3-5 p.m. on Dec. 16, 17 or 18. Meet center director Dave Dove, "hear the vision" and have some refreshments. Please park in the rear.

Wolk's office hours

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk (D-Davis) will hold office hours on Thursday, Dec. 11, from 3-5 p.m. at Raley's Supermarket, 1601 West Capitol Avenue. She and her staff will provide information on proposed laws and offer help to constituents having trouble with state departments.

Westfield alums

Former students or colleagues of Robert F. Clark, or those who attended Westfield Elementary while he was principal, are invited to send 80th birthday wishes for inclusion in a memory book being compiled by his family. Send your favorite memories or photos to Anita Russell, 2884 Canvasback Way, West Sacramento CA 95691, or email steveneetie-@hotmail.com by Jan. 1.

Casino trip

The West Sacramento Senior Center is planning a trip to Feather Falls Casino on Tues., Dec. 16. Departure will be at 8 a.m. with a return at 3 p.m. The fee is $14 with $10 cash back at the casino. Call the West Sacramento Parks and Community Services Dept., 373-5819.

Golden Years

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento will host a pot luck dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever St., on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. Please bring your own service. For information, call 371-8479 or 371-8126.

Christmas carols

A community Christmas Carol session is scheduled at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, in the church's front parking lot. The public is welcome to join for hot drinks and caroling.

Democrats

The West Sacramento Democratic Club will hold its annual holiday dinner on Tues., Dec. 16, from 6-8 p.m. at Vince's Italian Restaurant, 840 Harbor Blvd., West Sacramento. Tickets are $22, with RSVP required by Dec. 7 to Katie Villegas, 375-1132 or katievillegas@charter.net.

'Giving tree'

Participate in the West Sacramento Rotary's 'Giving Tree' and brighten the day of a local senior citizen. Visit the Raley's store on Saturday-Sunday Dec. 13-14 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and choose the name of a senior who is alone and in need, and has a gift request. Purchase the gift and drop it off – a Rotarian "elf" will wrap it for you and see that it makes it to the recipient. For more information, call Rotarian Charyl Silva, 372-8383.

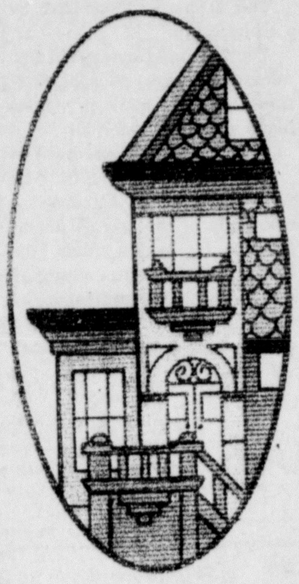
Potluck with seniors

The West Sacramento Senior Center invites you and your family to a holiday potluck on Monday, Dec. 22, from 4-6 p.m. There will be a "swanky" band and plenty of good cheer. RSVP to Jeff El-Bdour at 373-5819.

Art show

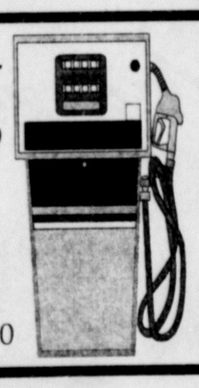
The West Sacramento Art Guild will hold its "Second Saturday Art Show" on Dec. 13 at the Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. There will be a reception for the artists from 6-8 p.m. Open to the public. For information, call 371-3744.

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Answers to Sports Quiz (p. 3) & Puzzles (p. 8)

Answers:

1. Mel Parnell (25) and Ellis Kinder (23) did it in 1949.
2. Ted Gray did it in 1953.
3. It was 1982.
4. Steve Kerr hit 52.4 percent of his three-point shots in 1994-95 for the Chicago Bulls.
5. He coached the New York Rangers, Minnesota North Stars, New Jersey Devils and Pittsburgh Penguins.
6. Cameroon.
7. Once — the 2003 Turf Race, when Johar and High Chaparral ended in a dead heat.

National Numbers
answers

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Differences: 1. Banner is different. 2. Bowtie is missing. 3. "Cup cakes" is reversed. 4. Bottle has been added. 5. Tie is black. 6. Register is missing.

